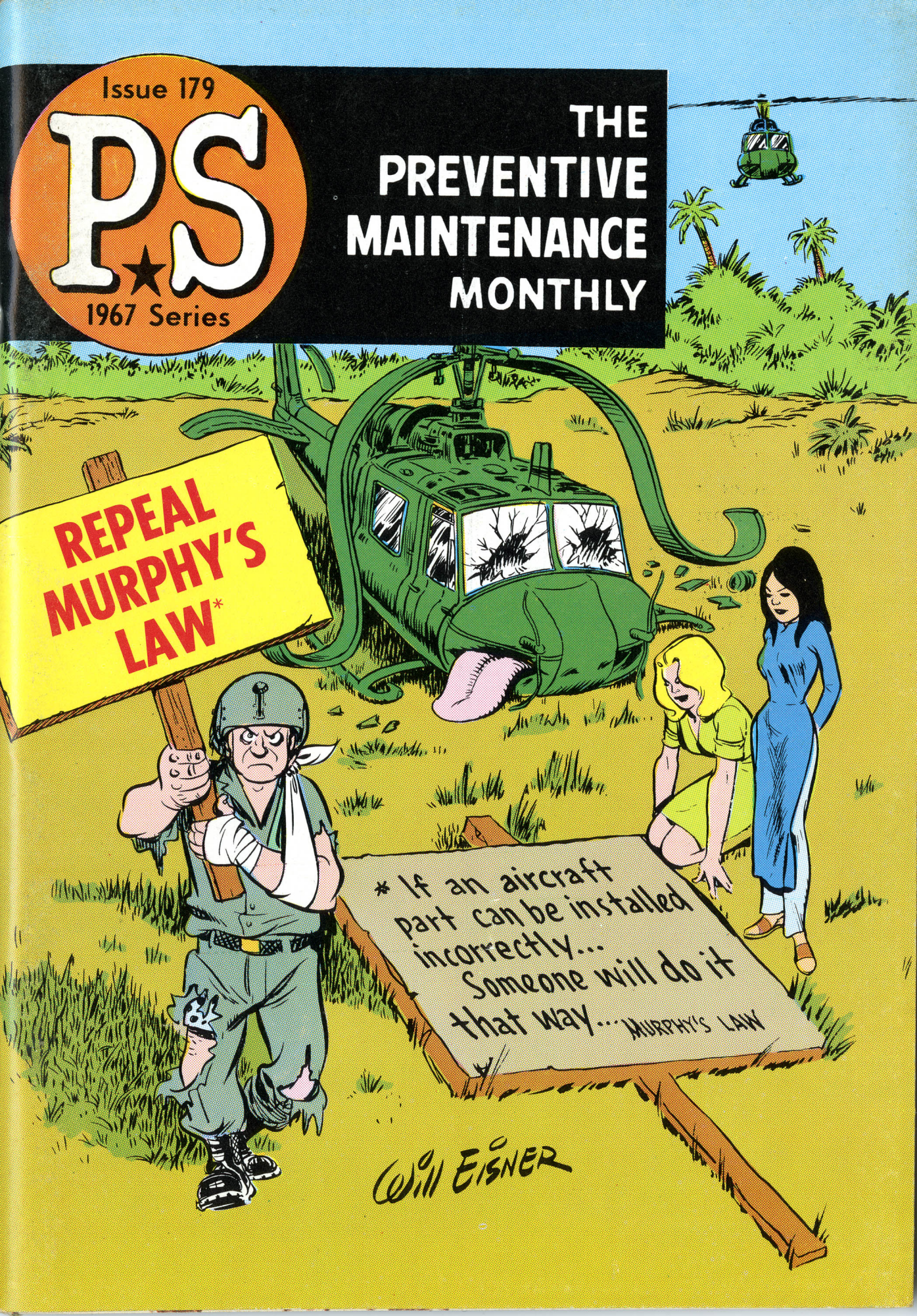
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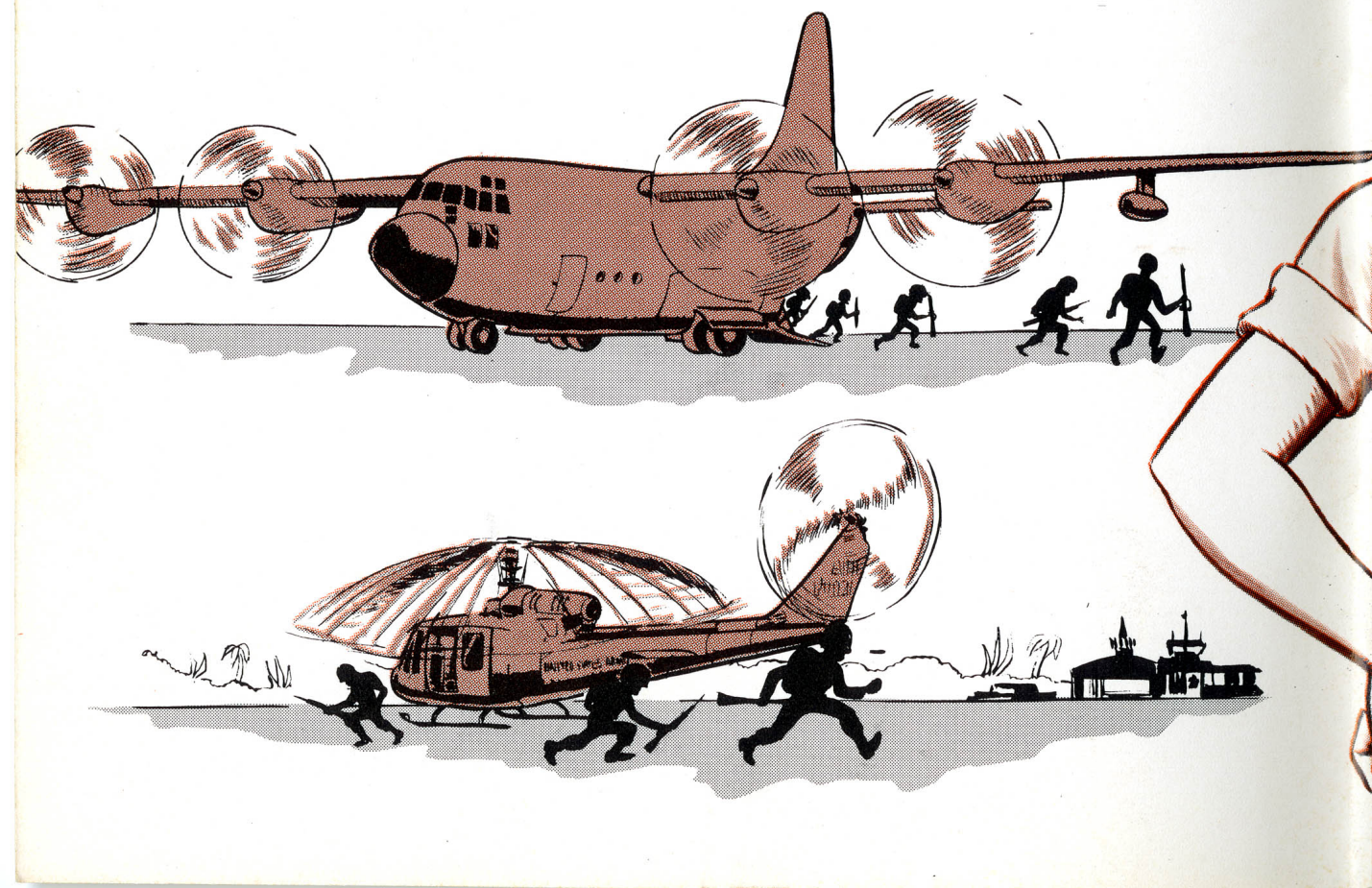

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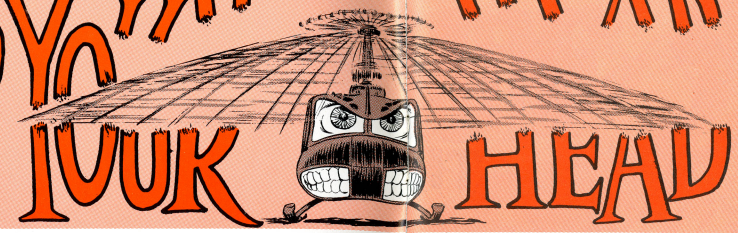

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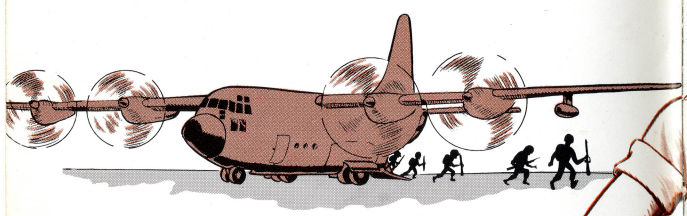

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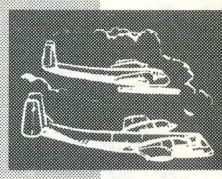

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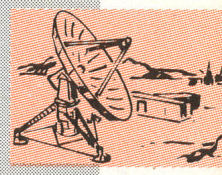

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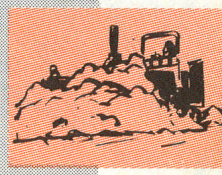

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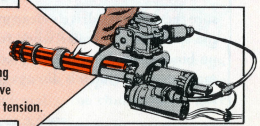

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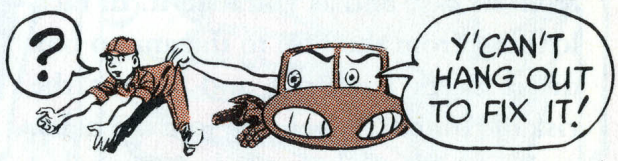

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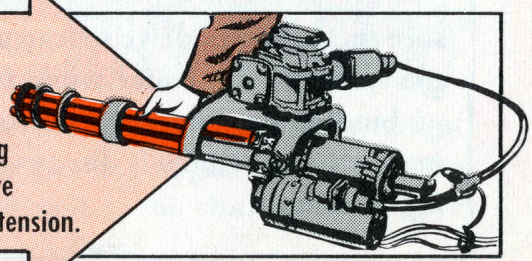

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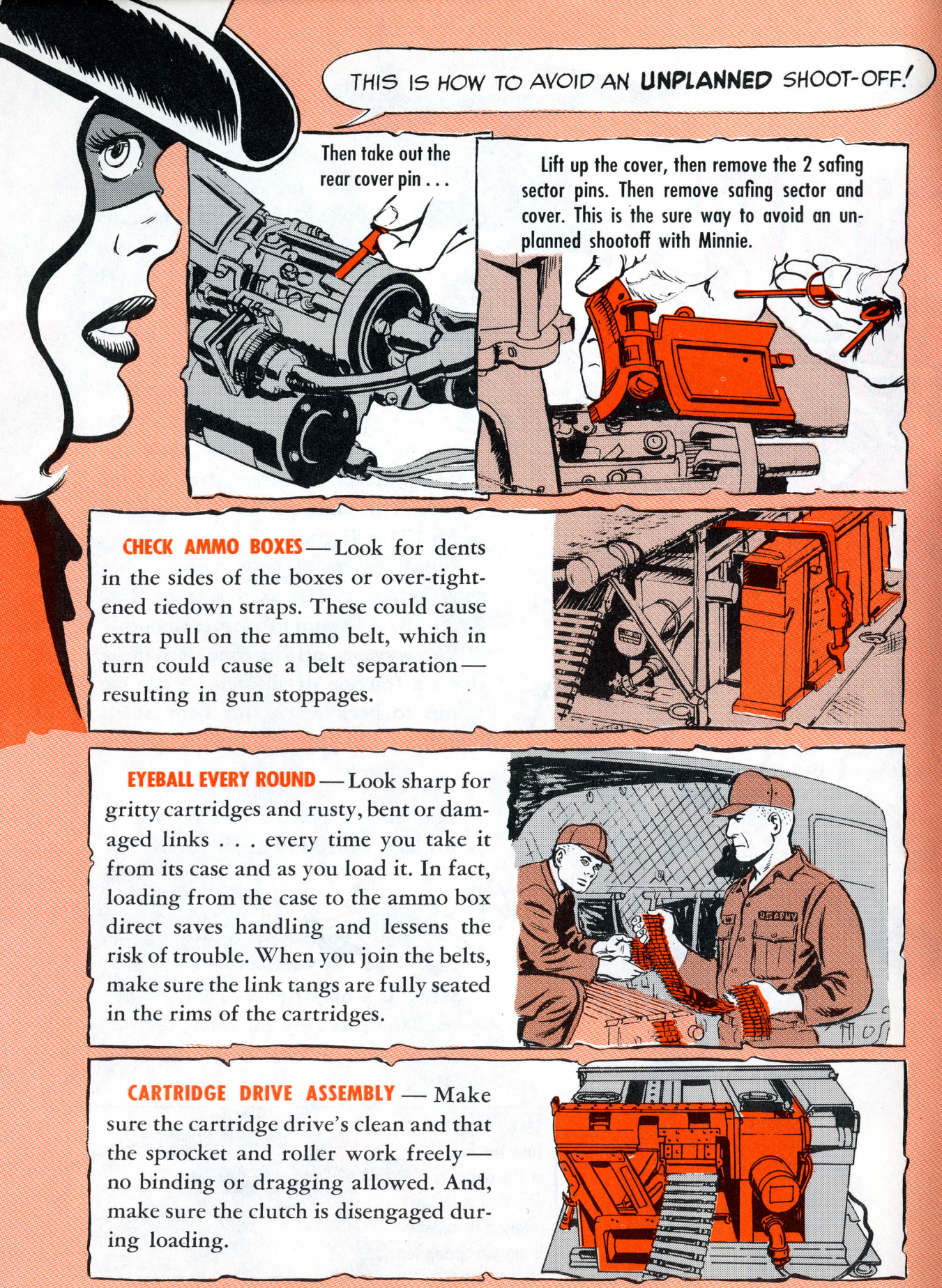


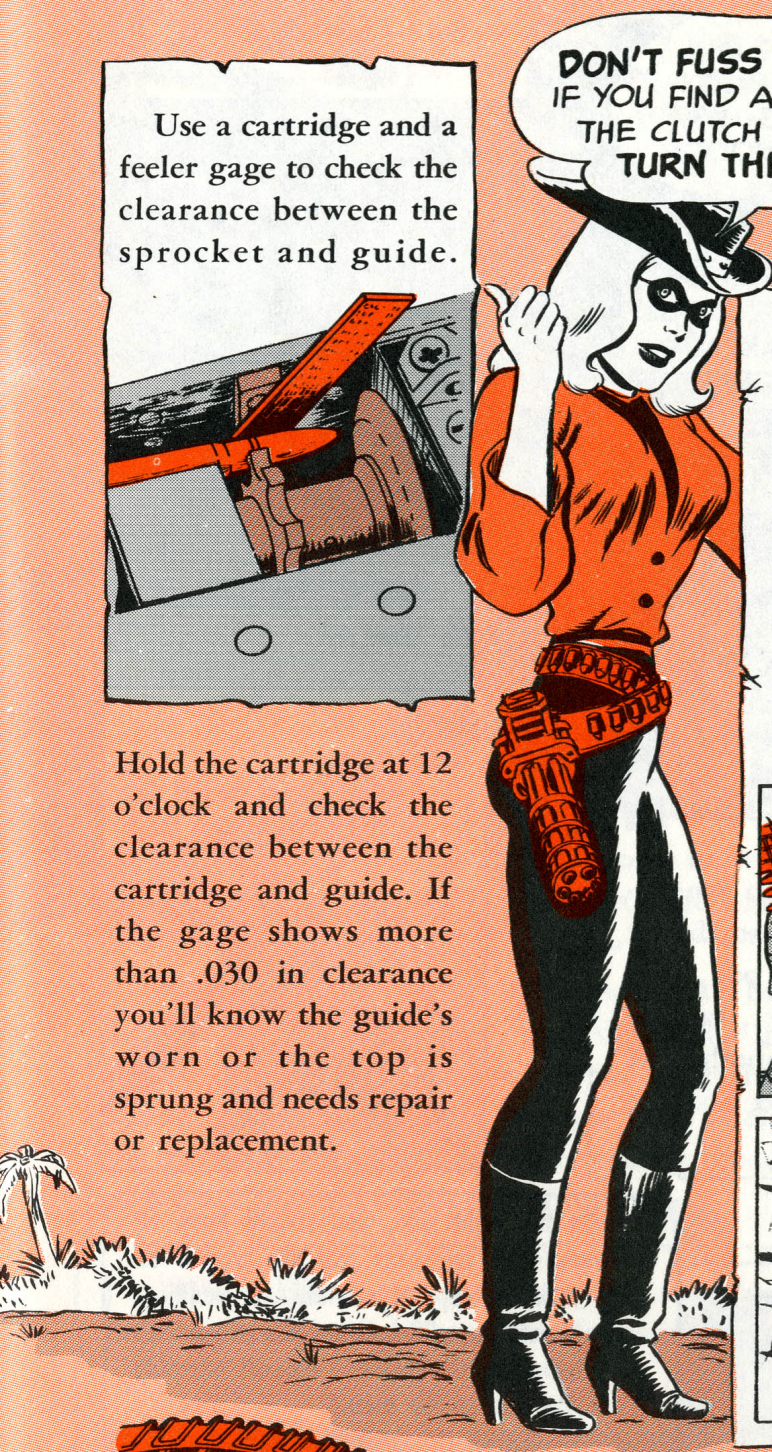
CHECK AMMO BOXES — Look for dents in the sides of the boxes or over-tightened tiedown straps. These could cause extra pull on the ammo belt, which in turn could cause a belt separation — resulting in gun stoppages.

EYEBALL EVERY ROUND — Look sharp for gritty cartridges and rusty, bent or damaged links . . . every time you take it from its case and as you load it. In fact, loading from the case to the ammo box direct saves handling and lessens the risk of trouble. When you join the belts, make sure the link tangs are fully seated in the rims of the cartridges.

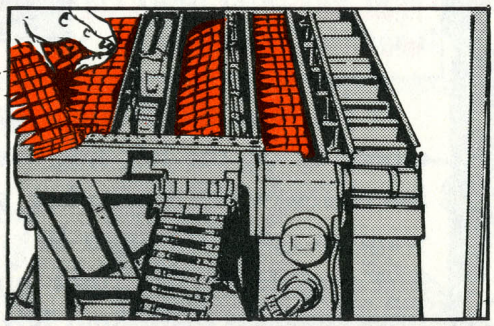
CARTRIDGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY — Make sure the cartridge drive's clean and that the sprocket and roller work freely — no binding or dragging allowed. And, make sure the clutch is disengaged during loading.

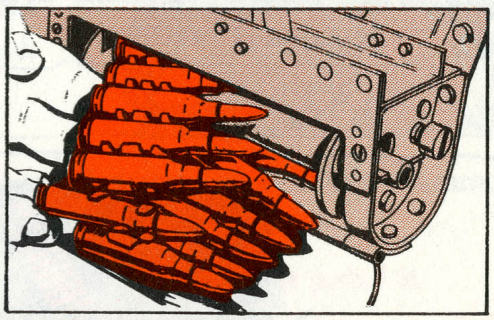
Use a cartridge and a feeler gage to check the clearance between the sprocket and guide.

Hold the cartridge at 12 o'clock and check the clearance between the cartridge and guide. If the gage shows more than .030 in clearance you'll know the guide's worn or the top is sprung and needs repair or replacement.



FILLING THE BOXES—Follow the poop in Figs 2-32 and 2-33 of TM 9-1090-202-12 to a 'T'. Take your time and do a Zero Defects job. Be sure you pack each ammo compartment completely and neatly—no sagging or intertwining projectile ends. Mate the 2 belts just right and get the rounds snug against the lower roller.





AMMO CHUTES — Check 'em regularly for bent or twisted interlocking tangs. Make sure they're clear for duty. And make sure they're clipped on right at the cartridge guide and feeder delinker ends. Incidentally, the chuting must have the closed side up—not like some -12 TM pictures show.

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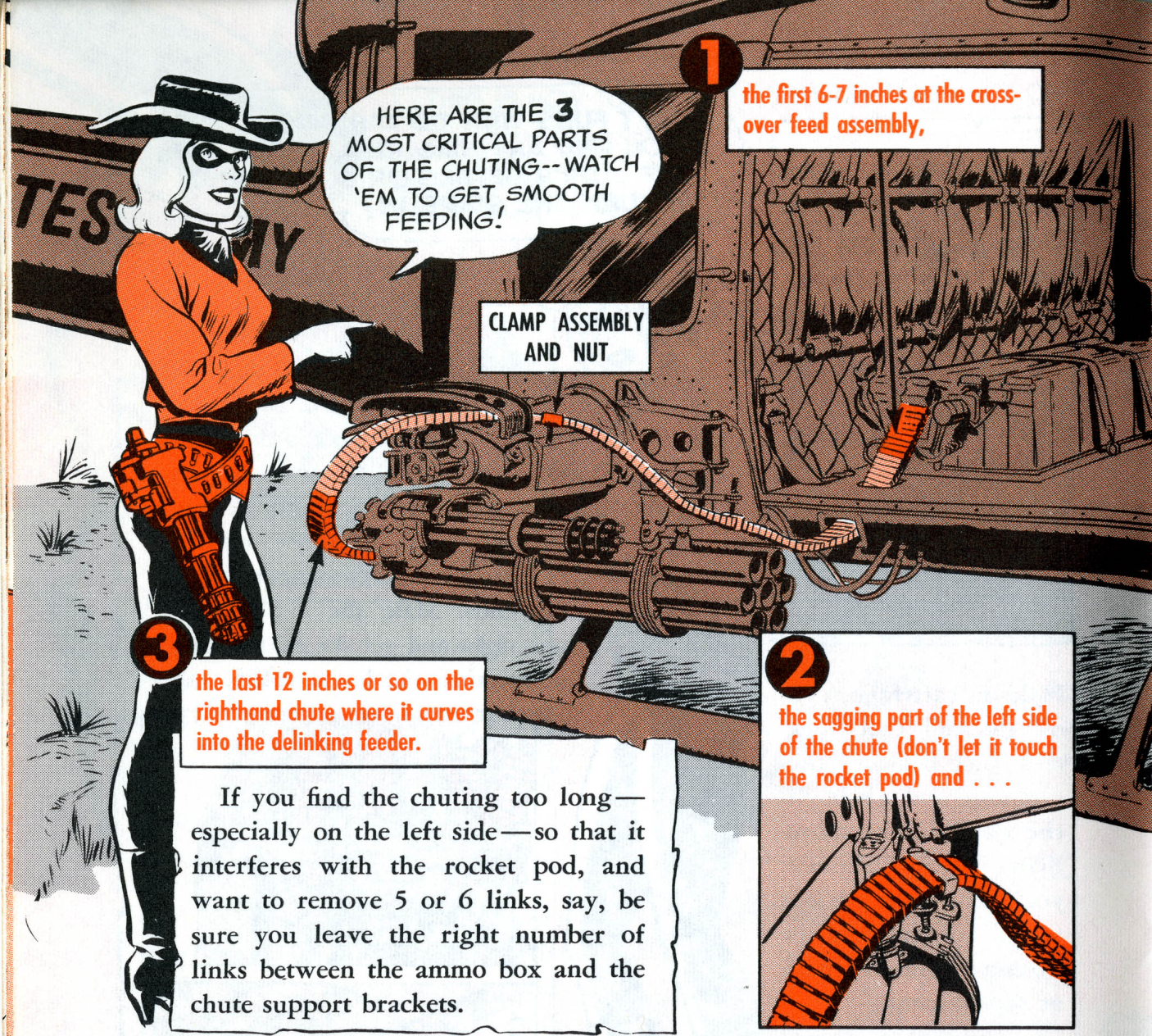


1 the first 6-7 inches at the cross-over feed assembly,

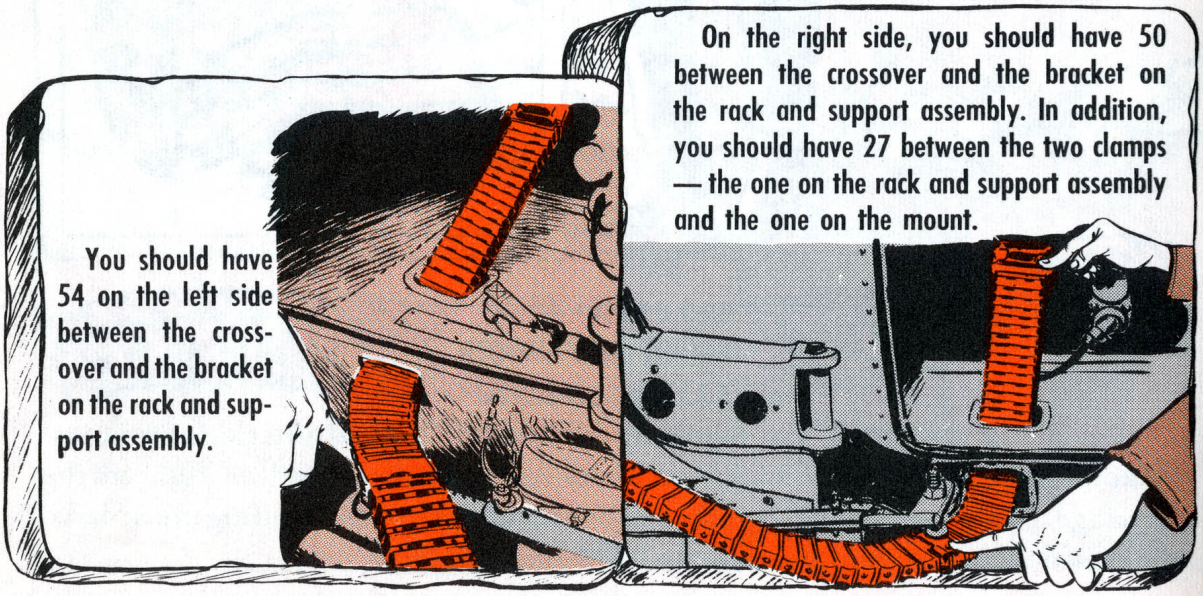
2 the sagging part of the left side of the chute (don't let it touch the rocket pod) and . . .

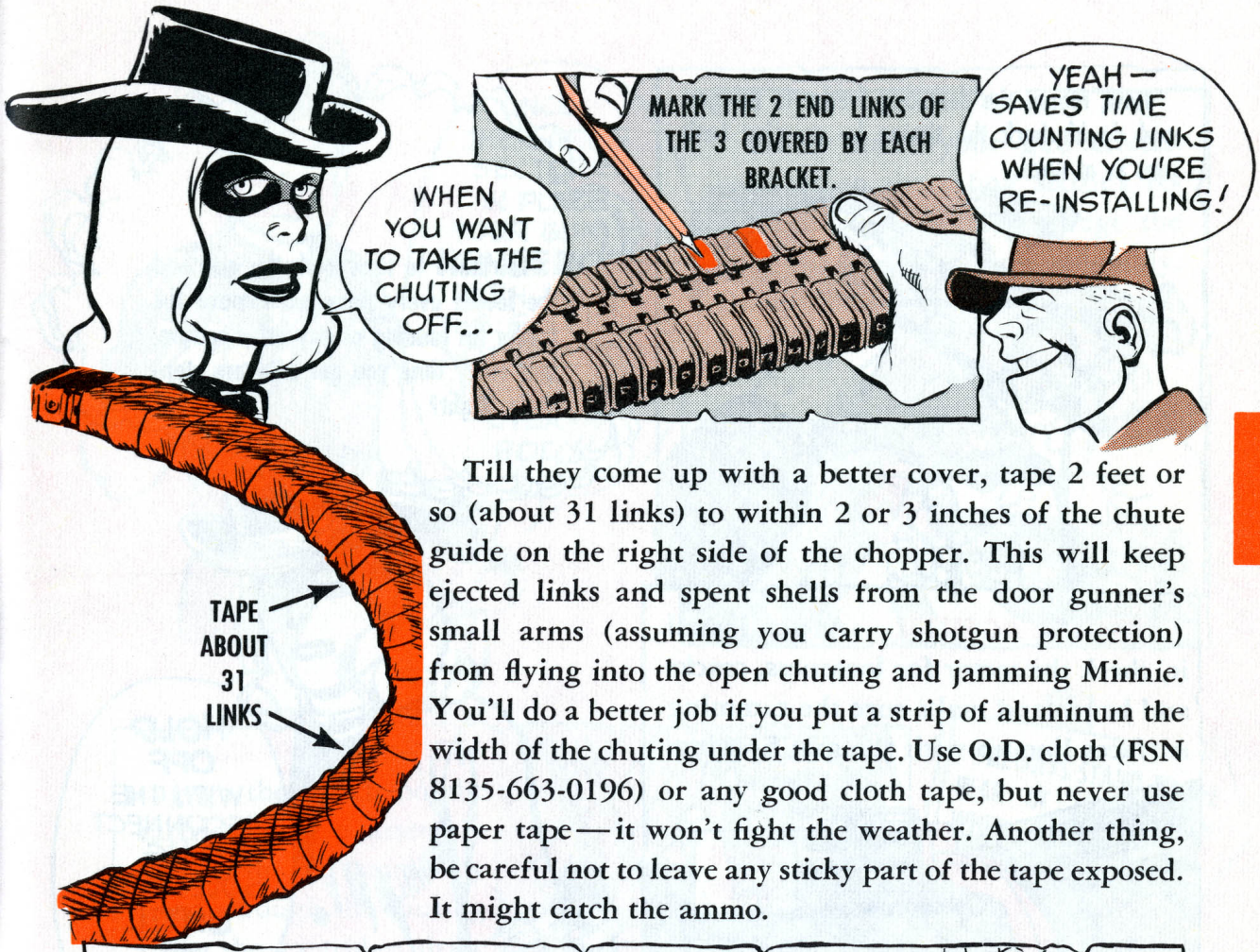
3 the last 12 inches or so on the righthand chute where it curves into the delinking feeder.

If you find the chuting too long—especially on the left side—so that it interferes with the rocket pod, and want to remove 5 or 6 links, say, be sure you leave the right number of links between the ammo box and the chute support brackets.

You should have 54 on the left side between the cross-over and the bracket on the rack and support assembly.

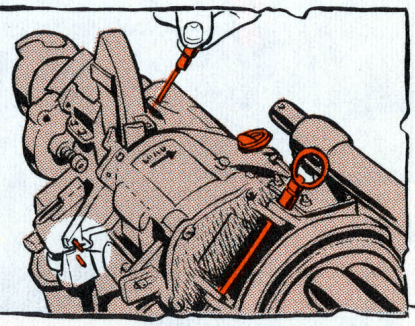
On the right side, you should have 50 between the crossover and the bracket on the rack and support assembly. In addition, you should have 27 between the two clamps — the one on the rack and support assembly and the one on the mount.





Till they come up with a better cover, tape 2 feet or so (about 31 links) to within 2 or 3 inches of the chute guide on the right side of the chopper. This will keep ejected links and spent shells from the door gunner's small arms (assuming you carry shotgun protection) from flying into the open chuting and jamming Minnie. You'll do a better job if you put a strip of aluminum the width of the chuting under the tape. Use O.D. cloth (FSN 8135-663-0196) or any good cloth tape, but never use paper tape — it won't fight the weather. Another thing, be careful not to leave any sticky part of the tape exposed. It might catch the ammo.

DELINKING FEEDER — Give it the once-over for bent or dirty release pins or ones that won't go in and out easy. Check to see that the 2 clearing guide stop pins stick out enough (say, about 5/16 inch) and then make sure the feeder's timed. If those 2 pins are in too far, Minnie'll jam.



TIMING — Right, the big secret of a trouble-free firing mission is in the ammo loading **and** the timing of the delinking feeder **and** the gun.

Time the gun first, like so: Turn the barrel cluster till the timing pin can be pushed in.

Then time the delinking feeder by pressing in on the timing pin.

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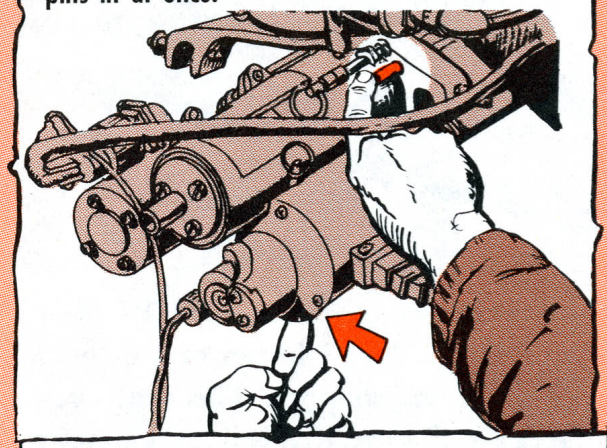
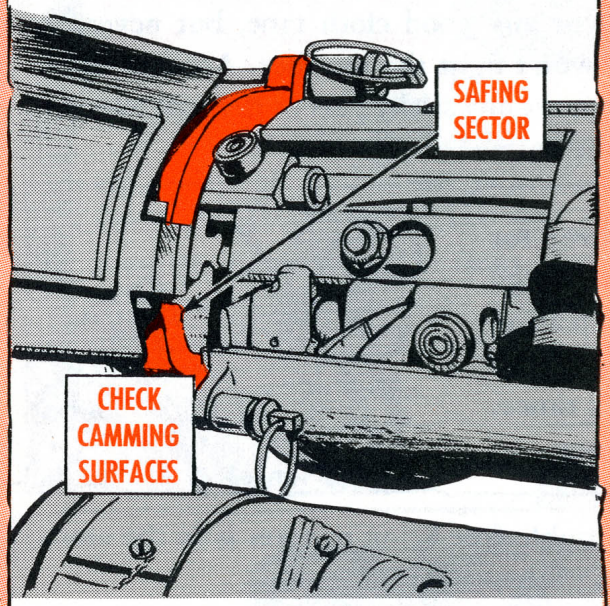
Now, mount the delinking feeder to the gun and doublecheck the timing by pressing both pins in at once.



INSTALL SAFING SECTOR — As you install it, check the sector for looseness, cracks and bends and make sure the camming surfaces line up with the gun housing.

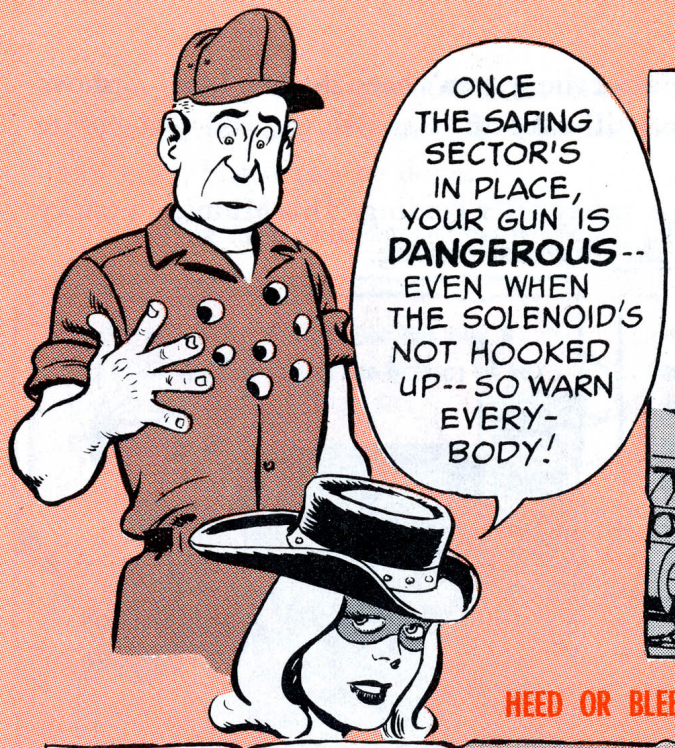


Also make sure the bearing roller of the bolt assembly is properly engaged in the cam path of the sector.

REMINDER

You have to time both the gun and the feeder every time you remove the feeder for loading or any other reason, and every time you get a severe stoppage. Right?

HOLD OFF WITH THE DISCONNECT PLUG SOLENOID **UNTIL** THE SAFING SECTOR IS COMPLETELY INSTALLED!



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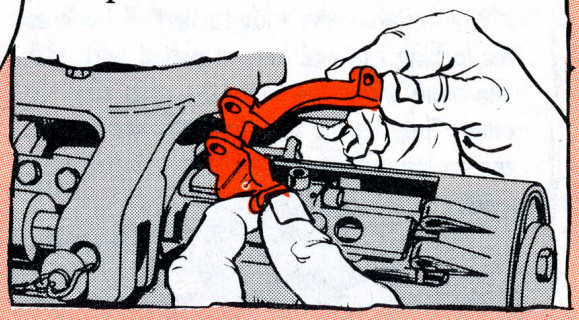

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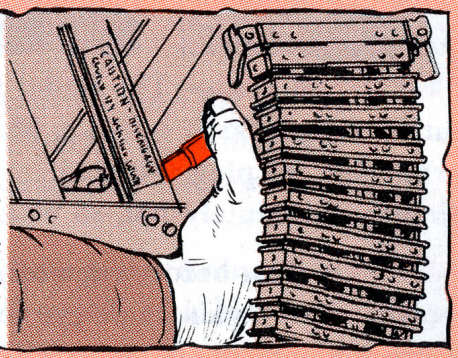
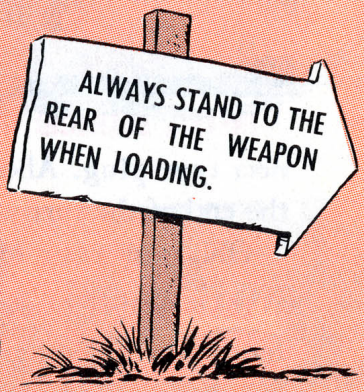
LOADING THE GUN — Disengage the clutch on the cartridge drive assembly and push the ammo by hand through the chuting from the cartridge drive assembly to the delinking feeder.

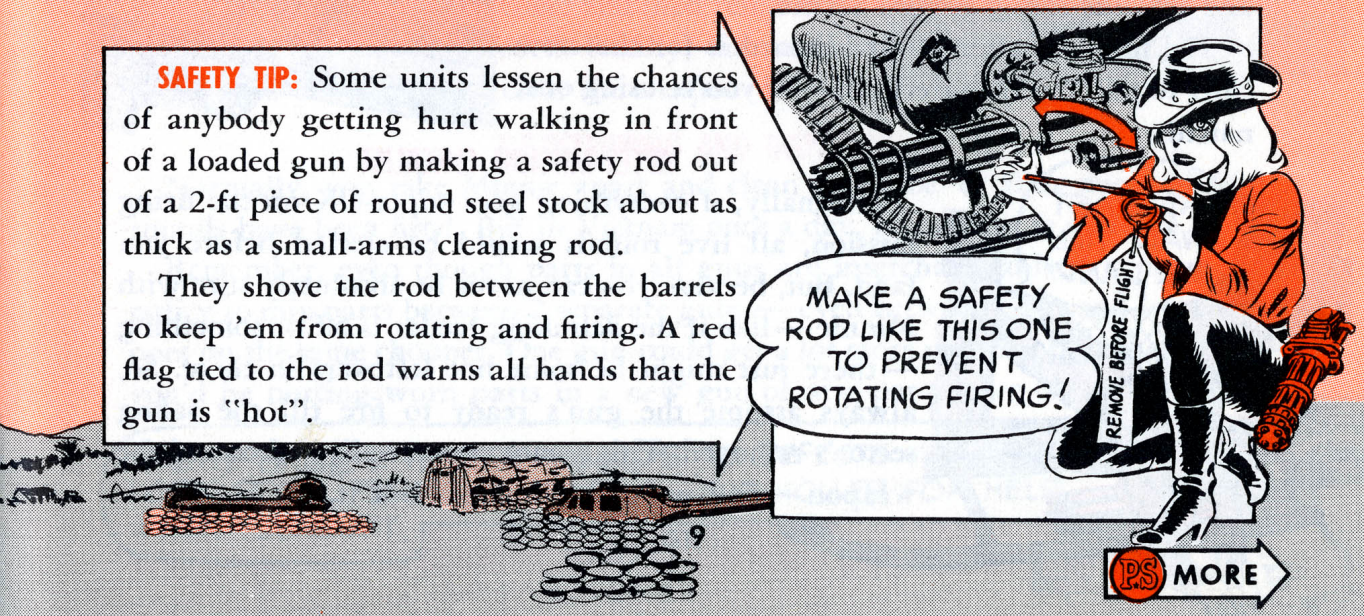




Push the first couple of linked cartridges through the feeder till they're nestled in the sprockets. Now you can rotate the barrels by hand till one round comes out and falls to the ground. The delinking feeder has room for 9 rounds. These'll fill it to the full so you'll get instant firepower when you go into action.

SAFETY TIP: Some units lessen the chances of anybody getting hurt walking in front of a loaded gun by making a safety rod out of a 2-ft piece of round steel stock about as thick as a small-arms cleaning rod.

They shove the rod between the barrels to keep 'em from rotating and firing. A red flag tied to the rod warns all hands that the gun is "hot".



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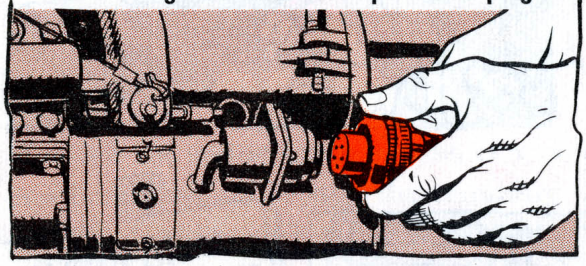
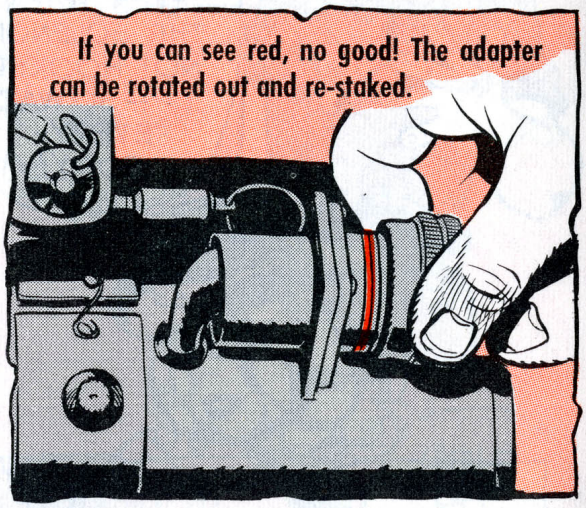
However, use a rod like this only after the system's been loaded. Like . . . shove the rod in and let the system stand till take-off. Remove the rod just before take-off.

But, never depend on this rod as a safety after landing. This Minnie's a tricky wench. She could go off with just the slightest jarring.

INSTALL GUN DRIVE MOTOR CANNON PLUG — Here's the trick to it: Pull back on the locking cap and keep it pulled back with one hand while you mate the plug with the other. Then let the cap snap forward till you can no longer see the red stripe on the plug.



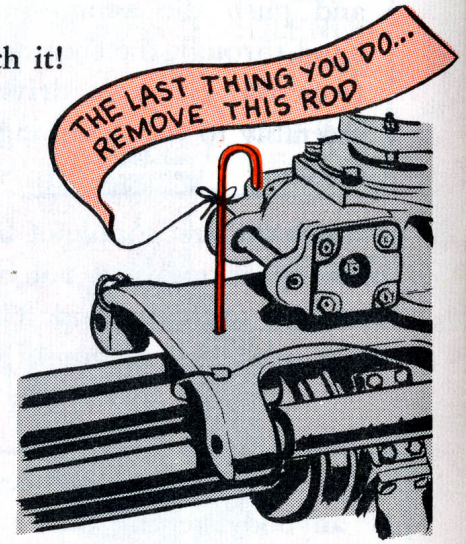


INSTALL SOLENOID QUICK RELEASE PLUG — The feeder solenoid has a quick disconnect type plug. About ½ turn locks it in place. Make sure you feel the catch at the end of the turn to tell that the plug is locked.

OK, now your Minnie is absolutely hot, so watch it!

LAST-MINUTE DOUBLECHECK — Just before take-off, have every member of the crew again eagle-eye to see that all electrical connections are OK, especially the drive motor's feeder solenoid and the quick-disconnect at the side of the helicopter and the rocket racks and support assemblies. Also doublecheck that the cartridge drive clutch is cocked (pressed down) and that the safing sector's secure.

The final act after all are aboard is for the crew chief to pull out the safety rod — if you're using one, natch!

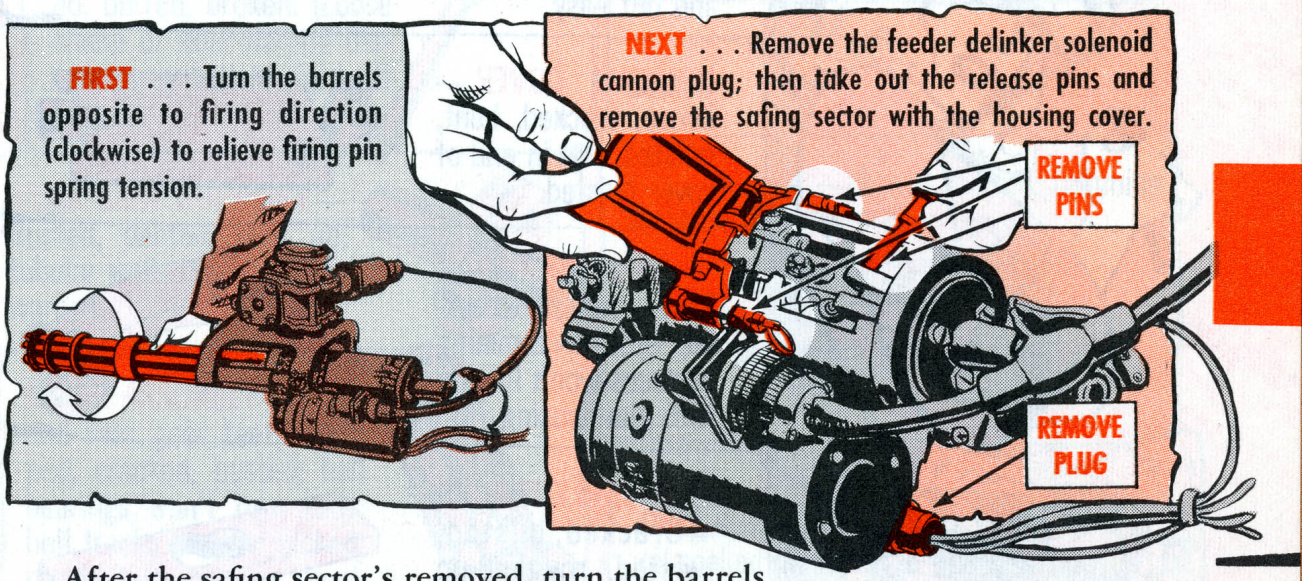


AFTER-MISSION CHECKLIST

Normally, if everything goes super-OK on the firing mission, all live rounds would be ejected before you land. But, because you can never be absolutely sure with Minnie — like if the delinking feeder is off or something — there just might be some hot leftovers in there. So, always assume the gun's ready to fire till the safing sector's removed. This means never walk in front of the weapon — and warn the others about it.

The safest way to get out of the Huey is to jump across the front of the gun and rockets — out of their line of fire — with your head down to avoid the rotor. Not easy, but it can be done!

First thing on landing, always remove the safing sector.



After the safing sector's removed, turn the barrels in the firing direction. The uncleared ammo will rotate through the gun, extract and eject without firing.

However, to make positive the gun is clear and no rounds remain in the chamber, pull each bolt back and eyeball the chamber when you rotate the barrels.

Now you can put the safing sector with housing back on and insert the safety rod in the hole in the gun support, if you want to.

However, if the gun is jammed, just remove the safing sector with housing cover and then remove the chuting and feeder, as needed. Finally, disassemble as much as you have to to clear the weapon.

FIELDSTRIPPING AND INSPECTING

Normally, you take Minnie apart and clean and lube 'er after every 20,000 rounds have been fired. But in Vietnam once a day, regardless, is a MUST.

Remember, even though parts in all guns are interchangeable, it's not good policy to mix parts between 2 separate guns — even between right and left hand ones on the same chopper. One gun could get a lot more use than the other. Then you'd be putting worn parts in a new gun or new parts in an old gun — bad!

NEXT PAGE I'VE GOT A GUIDE TO DEFECTS YOU WANT TO LOOK FOR... FIX WHAT YOU CAN -- BUT HOLLER FOR HELP WHEN YOU CAN'T.

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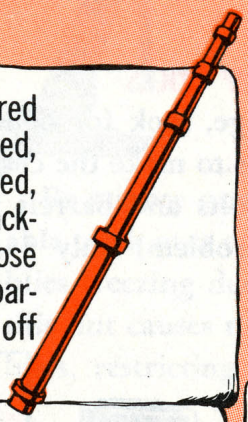
HERE'S THE FIELD STRIP CHECK LIST.
RELEASE PINS — Bent, cracked, won't go in and out easy.
HOUSING COVER — Loose, cracked, bent, twisted; slot in end of cover twisted.
SAFING SECTOR — Loose, nicked, cracked, broken; camming surfaces won't line up with gun housing.
REMOVABLE TRACKS —Cracked, busted, twisted, roughed-up edges.
BOLT ASSEMBLY — Needs lube; firing pin hole badly worn or elongated; extractor lip damaged or busted; pins and locking surfaces on bolt head worn or burred; track ways nicked, burred, scratched; spring cracked, weak, busted; striker badly worn, busted; firing pin tang worn, burred; roller on bolt assembly worn, damaged; spring pins bent, badly worn.
GUIDE BAR — Nicked, cracked, burred, bent.
BARREL CLAMP — Loose; spline nut threads worn, stripped, damaged; barrel rings or central shaft busted, cracked, twisted.

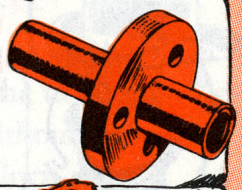
BARREL—Dirty, cluttered with junk; lands scored, badly worn; bore bulged, heat-warped; flange cracked, burred, broken. (Loose clamp or heat-warped barrels spray bullets right off target.)



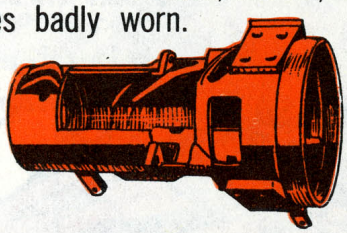
BEARING—Won't turn easy.

TIMING PIN—Bent, busted.

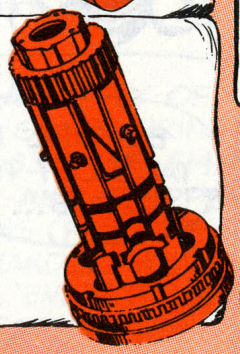
REAR GUN SUPPORT—Busted, dented, beat up; tubular walls cracked; face warped.



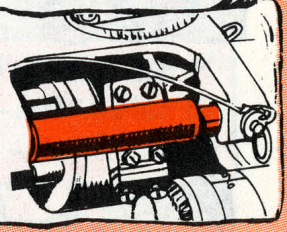
GUN HOUSING—Nicked, burred; camming surfaces badly worn.



ROTOR ASSEMBLY—Front and rear gear teeth chipped, cracked, busted; ball bearings won't turn easy; bolt tracks or rotor nicked, roughed-up; cocking shoulder surfaces badly worn.



RECOIL ADAPTER—Dirty, dented, chipped, oil-soaked (**never** dip it in solvent).



TIMING PIN—Bent, busted; spring weak, broken.

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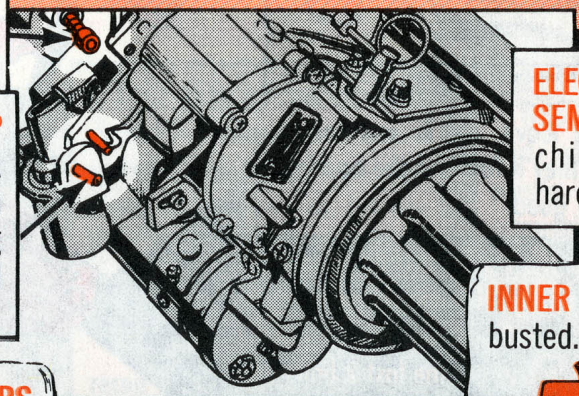
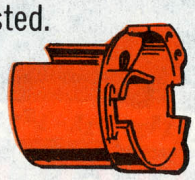


CLEARING GUIDE STOP PINS—Bent, don't stick out about 5/16 inch from right side of housing like they're supposed to.

ELECTRIC DRIVE ASSEMBLY—Dented, chipped; mounting hardware loose.

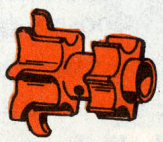
INNER CAM—Tang busted.



PUSH ROD ROLLERS—Need lube.

SOLENOID LINKAGE—Damaged, busted.

STRIPPER SLEEVE—Chewed up, burred, needs stoning.



FEEDER SPROCKET—Bent.

SPRING PINS—Bent.

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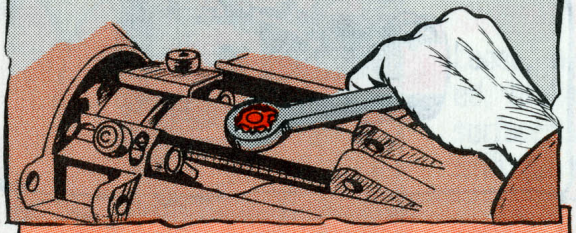
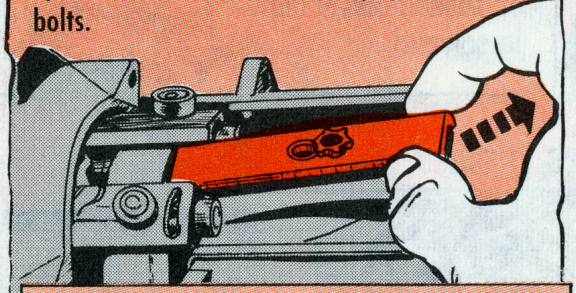
You can save time removing the 6 bolts and barrels from your weapon by loosening (or removing, if they're a problem) only 3 track nuts—if you're careful.

Here's how: Loosen the first track nut that comes up 2 turns, push the firing pin tang to the left, then push 2 bolts forward.



Now push the removable track forward, up and out. Then — immediately remove 2 bolts.



Important: If you leave 'em in and rotate the barrel cluster they'll fall into the housing and mess you up good!

Next, rotate the cluster till the third track nut comes up and go through the same gyrations to get the next 2 bolts out. Finally, get the fifth track nut up and get the last 2 bolts out.

BE SURE TO TAKE OUT THE BOLTS...

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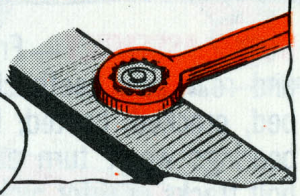

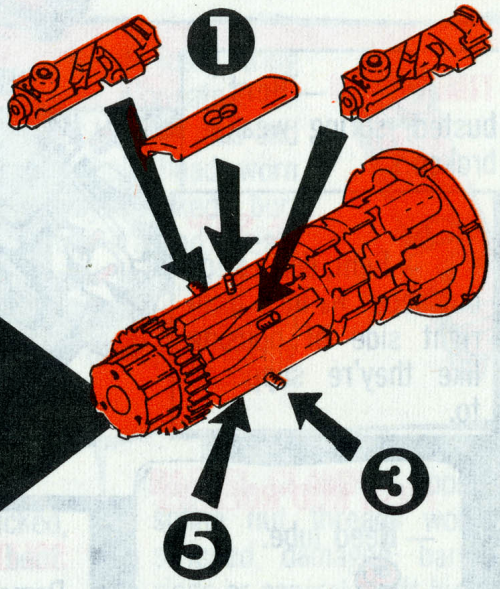

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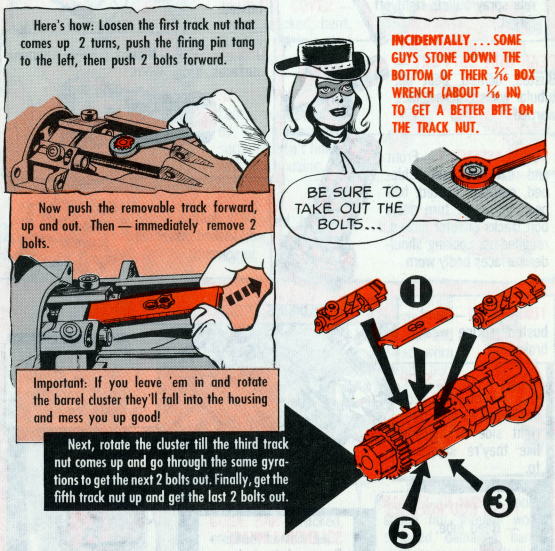

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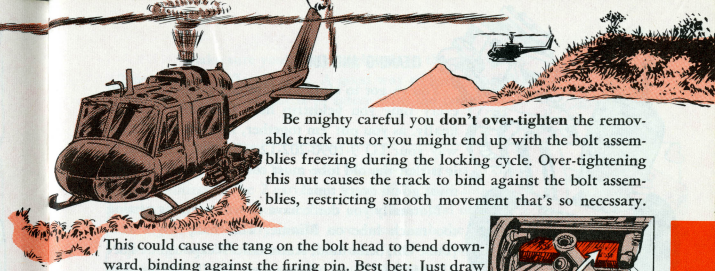

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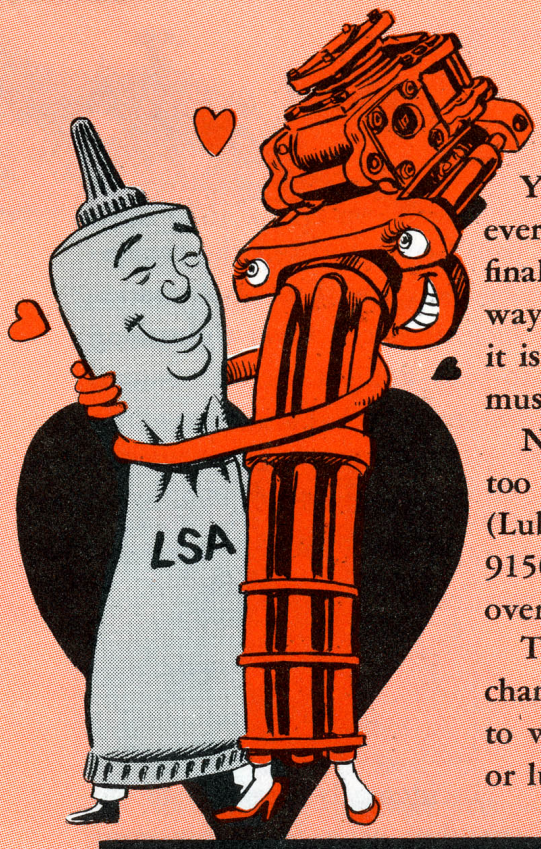


CLEANING AND LUBING

You've got to clean all Minnie's parts real good every time you fieldstrip her. Then dry 'em and finally, as you put 'em together, lube every part the way your LO 9-1090-202-12 tells you. The gist of it is that the old lube must come off and fresh lube must go on every time!

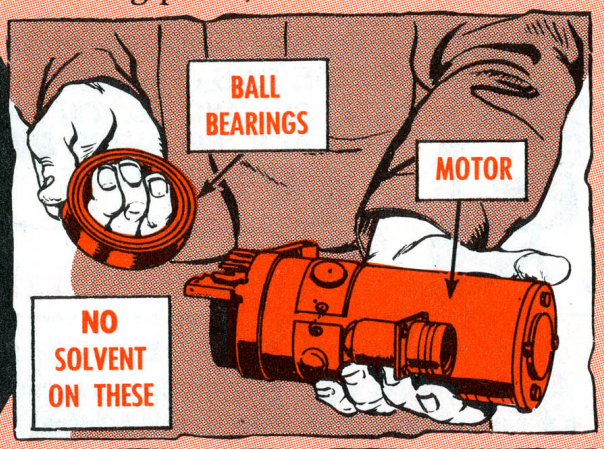
Normally you don't have to worry about getting too much lube on Minnie. This baby loves LSA (Lube Oil, Semi-fluid, Automatic Weapons . . . FSN 9150-889-3522 . . . 4-oz tube). She'll spit out any over-dose you feed her.

This High Rate Gun has electrical drive but mechanized gears and no gas system, so you don't have to worry too much about getting cleaning solvent or lube in the wrong places, either.

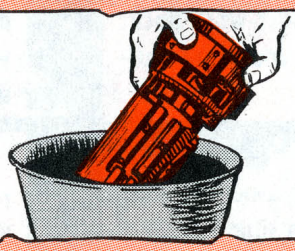
BUT, here's a couple tips to keep you straight:

Never get cleaning solvent on the roller bearings and the electric drive motor. Just wipe 'em off with a clean dry cloth.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMOVE THE BEARING WHEN FIELDSTRIPPING AND CLEANING THE ROTOR. JUST HOLD THE BEARING END UP AND BRUSH THE BODY WITH SOLVENT.

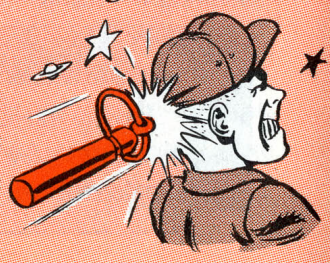


Just don't forget when you're starting to dip the delinking feeder in solvent that the solenoid and bearings should **never** get dunked in solvent—nor any other cleaning solution, either!



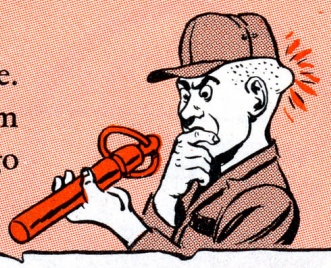
ODDS AND ENDS

QUICK RELEASE PINS — You've got 8 pins you want to be real choosy about — 2 on the delinking feeder, 2 on the safing sector, 2 on the housing cover and 2 that mount the gun to the pylon.

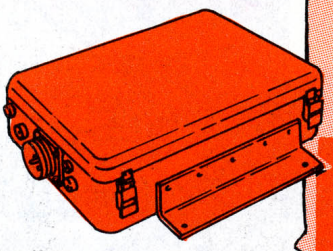


FIRST, make sure these pins work OK. Be certain you have to depress the plunger on the end of the pin to remove the pin. Replace any pin that comes out without pressing the plunger.

SECOND, make sure you use the right pin in the right place. They come in different sizes. A good way to keep 'em from getting mixed up or lost is to safety wire the ones that go together.

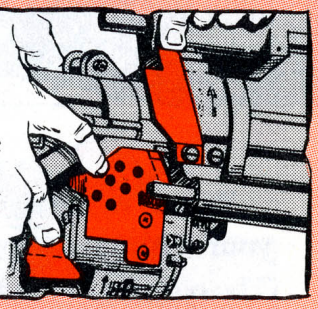


GUN CONTROL BOX—Your only business in here is to check the condition of the 2 cartridge fuses (FSN 5920-280-8342) and to see that the 5 connections at the front end of the box are tight. Incidentally, you'll save sweat with the cover by opening the back latches first to take it off and putting the back latches on first to put the cover back on.



PILOT SIGHT—Never slam it up for stowage—you'll bust the bulb filaments. And, remember, the elevation knob's only to be used for boresighting. Otherwise, hands off.

SHIELDS — Make sure these are OK and firmly attached. These shields keep brass and links from the system and the door gunners' weapons from entering the gun and feed systems.



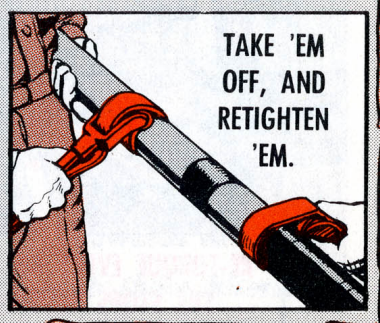
PUBS—Here's the ones you need and better have: TM 9-1005-265-15 (15 Sep 65); TM 9-1005-265-15P (15 Sep 65)—both on the GAU-2B/A Gun; and TM 9-1090-202-12 (May 66) with Ch 1 (8 May 67)—on the XM21 subsystem as a unit.

THE ROCKET SYSTEM

As was said back there in the beginning, the 2.75-in rocket and XM158 launcher that make up the second big half of this subsystem are exactly the same as the ones on the XM16 subsystem.

So, nothing new to add here except this one tip:

Any time your mission calls for taking off with the same FFAR's you brought in from the last trip, be almighty sure you check that the warhead's are real tight. Take 'em off, and re-tighten 'em—every danged one, too. Experience shows that they can work loose.



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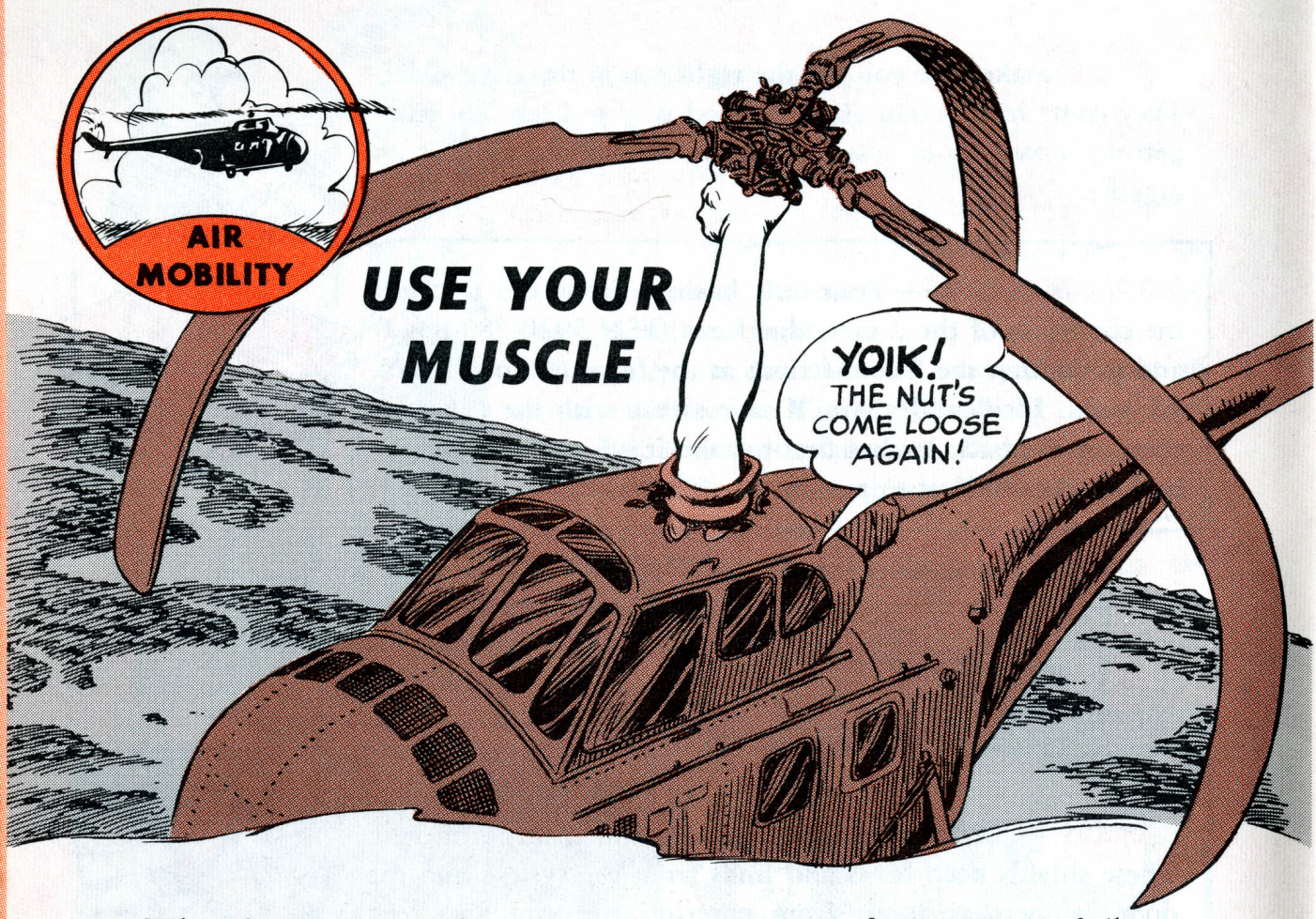
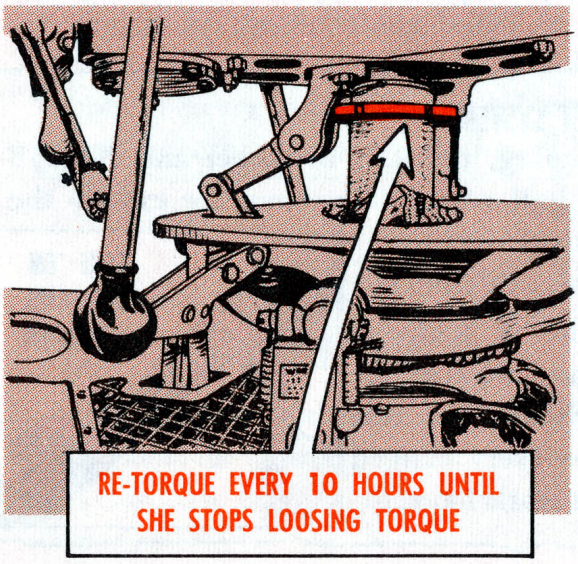


When it comes to maintenance on your Chickasaw pull it by the book. The old girl needs as much attention—maybe more—than a factory-fresh job.

Talking about the main rotor lower retaining nut, P/N S10-10-1443, that gets re-torqued to 100-150 ft-lbs as called for in TM 55-1520-201-20PMI.



This baby has a habit of losing torque and snapping the safety wire . . . 'taint a healthy situation if she blows her top!

Torque loss is more apt to happen after a main rotor assembly change . . . which is the reason why a special inspection is called for in Chap 3, Sect II, page 2-6 of TM 55-1520-201-20 (15 Apr 64).

After the first hour of operation and after an additional 10 hours, re-torque the nut with wrench, P/N S14-50-4199-6. Make with the muscle in 10-hr intervals until you notice no more torque loss.

From then on give the old girl the 25-hr beauty treatment, you betcha.

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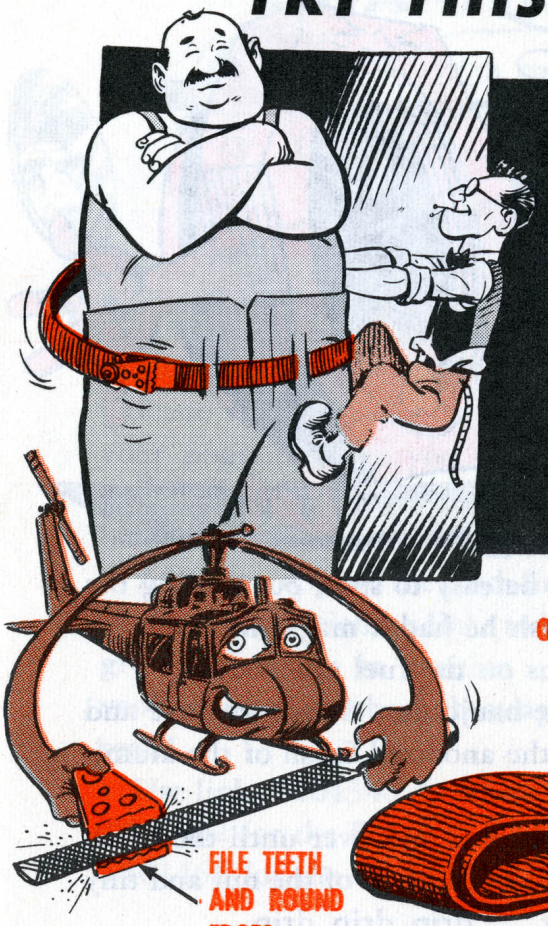


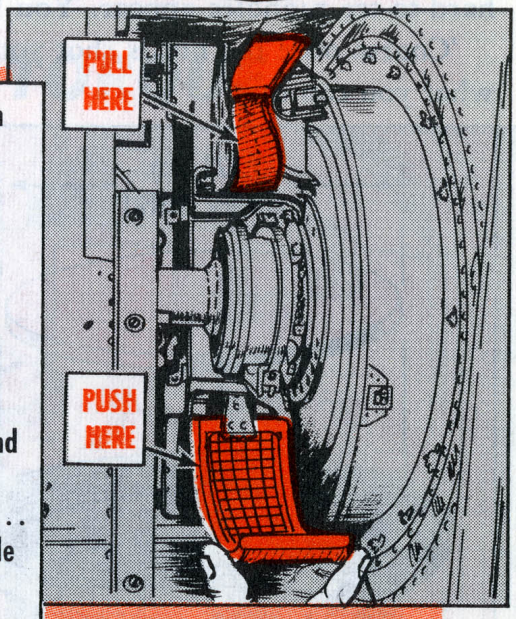
Dear Editor,

Taking out the Huey (UH-1) T-53 engine intake filter time and time again for cleaning can present a problem. After awhile, shoving the filter into the sand and dust separator mount bends it out of shape.

This distortion may possibly affect the efficiency of the filter. But one thing's for real — a beat-up filter definitely makes installation more difficult.

To save the filters and make the installing chore a lot easier, we came up with this locally made installing tool.

Next, we attach the tool clamp to one end of the filter. By gently pushing on the filter with one hand while at the same time pulling on the tool strap with the other hand the filter slides neatly into place . . . no sweat! This little baby works like a charm.



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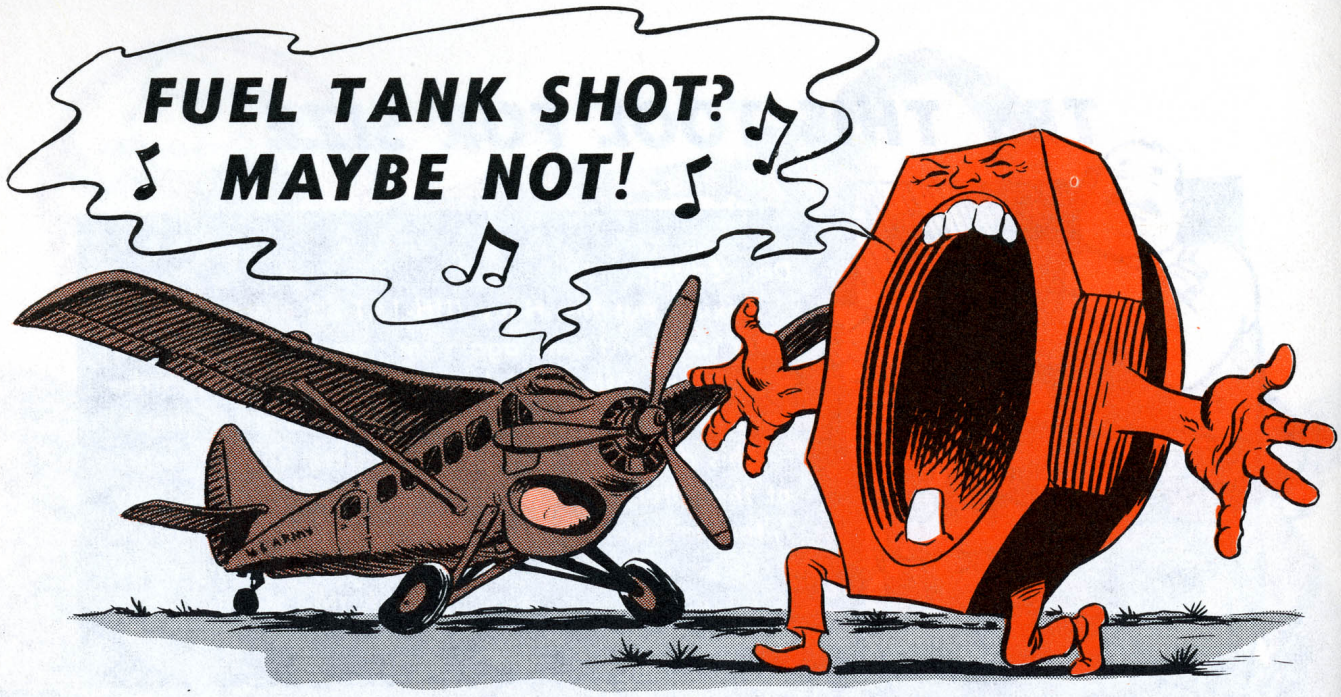
(Ed Note—Good show! Looks like a neat little trick to keep those filters in tip-top shape.)



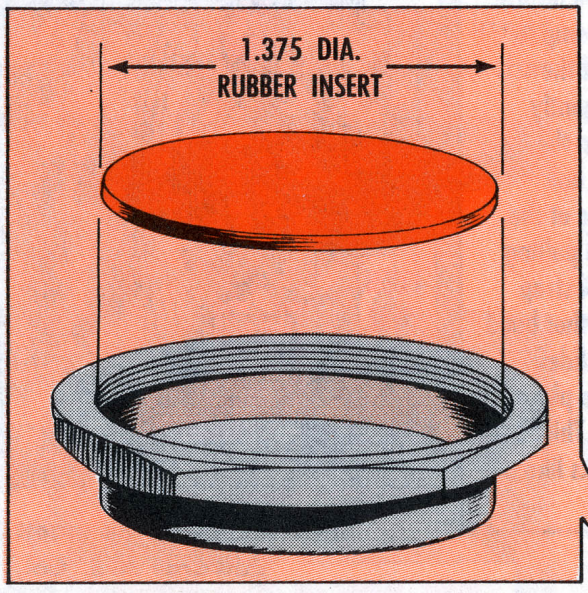
A fuel tank leak in your Otter (U-1A) may be easy to spot, but finding the source can sometimes make a wrench puller wish he had a magic locator.

But before you decide to yank the tank, focus on the fuel tank outlet.

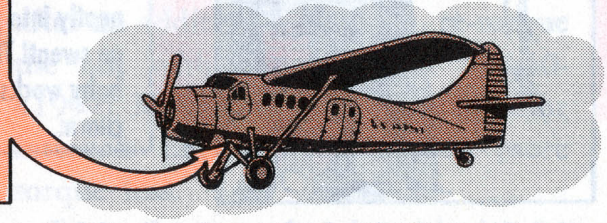
Inside the outlet a metal strainer rests on the banjo nut. As you remove and replace the strainer for cleaning, it grinds into the anodized finish of the aluminum nut—that's the rub.

Old Reliable goes through this twist-o-nut bit over and over until the finish is finally gone. Then corrosion sets a-breeding in the bottom of the nut and tiny hard-to-see pinholes appear. You know the rest . . . drip, drip, drip.

'Course once the nut is shot you replace it. But to protect a good nut here's what you can do.

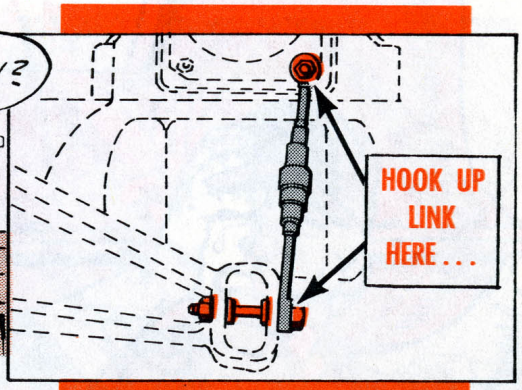


Cut a small piece of rubber to a diameter of 1.375-in and insert it in the bottom of the banjo nut. This acts as a buffer or insulator. Not just any rubber will do. You want to use a piece from 0.125-in thick rubber sheet, FSN 9320-241-9746, MIL-R-6855, Class I, fuel resistant. You'll find it listed in Fed Cat C9300-IL-A-CB5 (1 Apr 67).



Preventing a leak before it starts—that's the kind of PM that'll keep Old Reliable going . . . and going . . . and going . . . .

AHA--THE MISSING LINK!

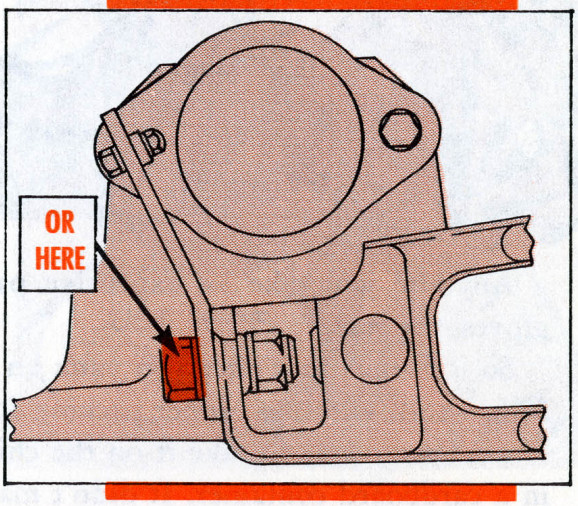


Hold one!

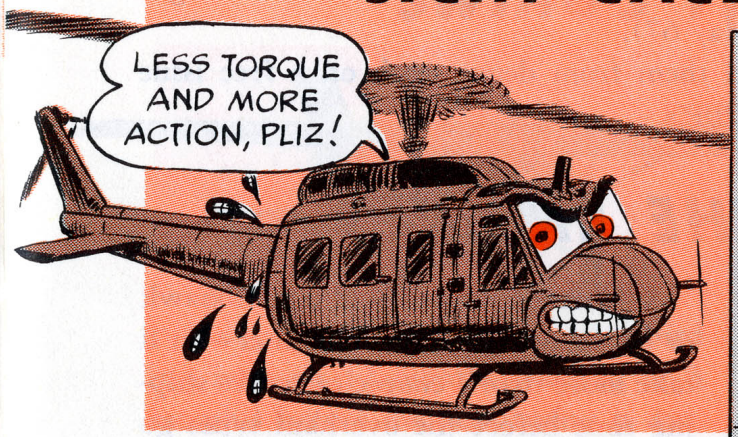
Paste this reminder in the back of your noggin before you heave-ho on your Huey (UH-1) main rotor hub and blade assembly.

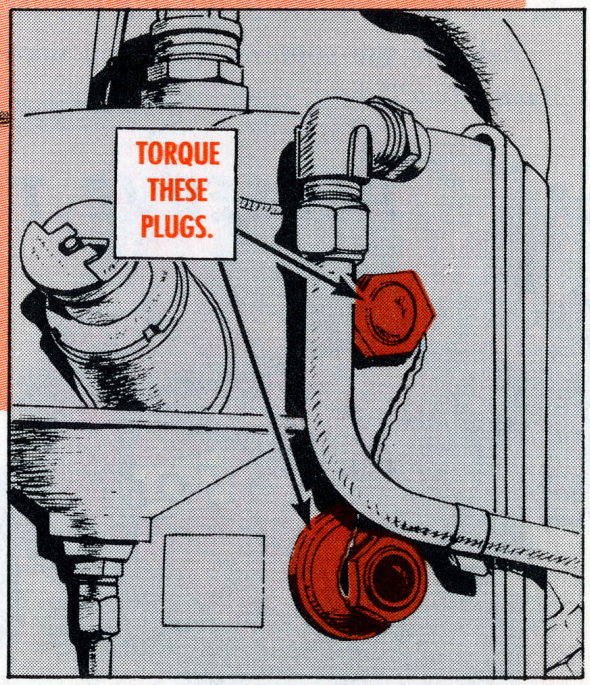
After you remove the pitch links, put in the grip-positioning links to hold the grips and blades in position . . . prevents damage to the hub straps—for real!!

Use link, T101348, for the A Model, T101402 for the B and D Models, and T101466 for the C Model.



SIGHT GAGE TORQUE





Just in case somebody should ask—or a leak develop—the torque value on your Huey (UH-1D) engine oil—tank sight plugs is 150-175-in lb for the big one and 100-125-in lb for the little one.

CAN IT, MAN!

Anytime you take an expensive part off your bird you handle it with kid gloves, for real.

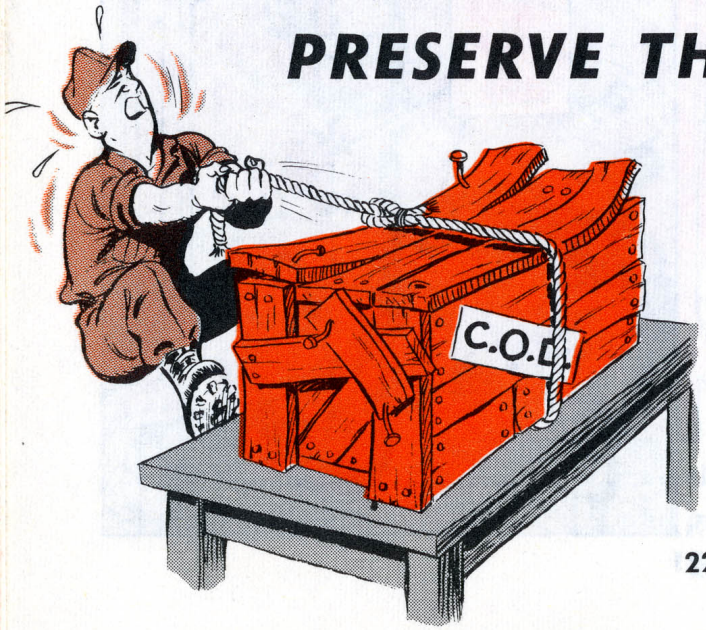
So it figures that once you yank an engine, rotor blade or such, you want to follow thru with the proper packing for that bumpy trip to the depot—or else!

The latest part to take it on the chin was a Chinook (CH-47) APU shipped in a cardboard container. It didn't make the trip in one piece!!

What a difference the right metal shipping container makes . . . no busted parts. The Chinook APU container, FSN 8115-947-6227, is authorized right in TM 55-1520-209-20P-1 and P-2 (May 67).

Ask for the containers as you need them from depot stock on a free issue basis. You'll find 'em listed in your -20P's.

PRESERVE THE ENGINES



Whenever you pull a Huey, Mohawk or Chinook engine, remember—it'll take more than a couple of weeks shiping time before the overhaul types go to work on it. Engine parts corrode fast!! So, follow the temporary storage poop . . . para 16-13 in TM 55-1520-210-20 Ch 10 (Apr 67) for the T-53 and para 16-11 in TM 55-1520-209-20 (Apr 67) for the T-55.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY, PLEASE!

With all the hydraulics in your Chinook (CH-47), a wiping rag comes in mighty handy. In many cases a seep is not a leak . . . no repairs needed.

Take relief valve, P/N 1A050, in the utility system oil cooler.

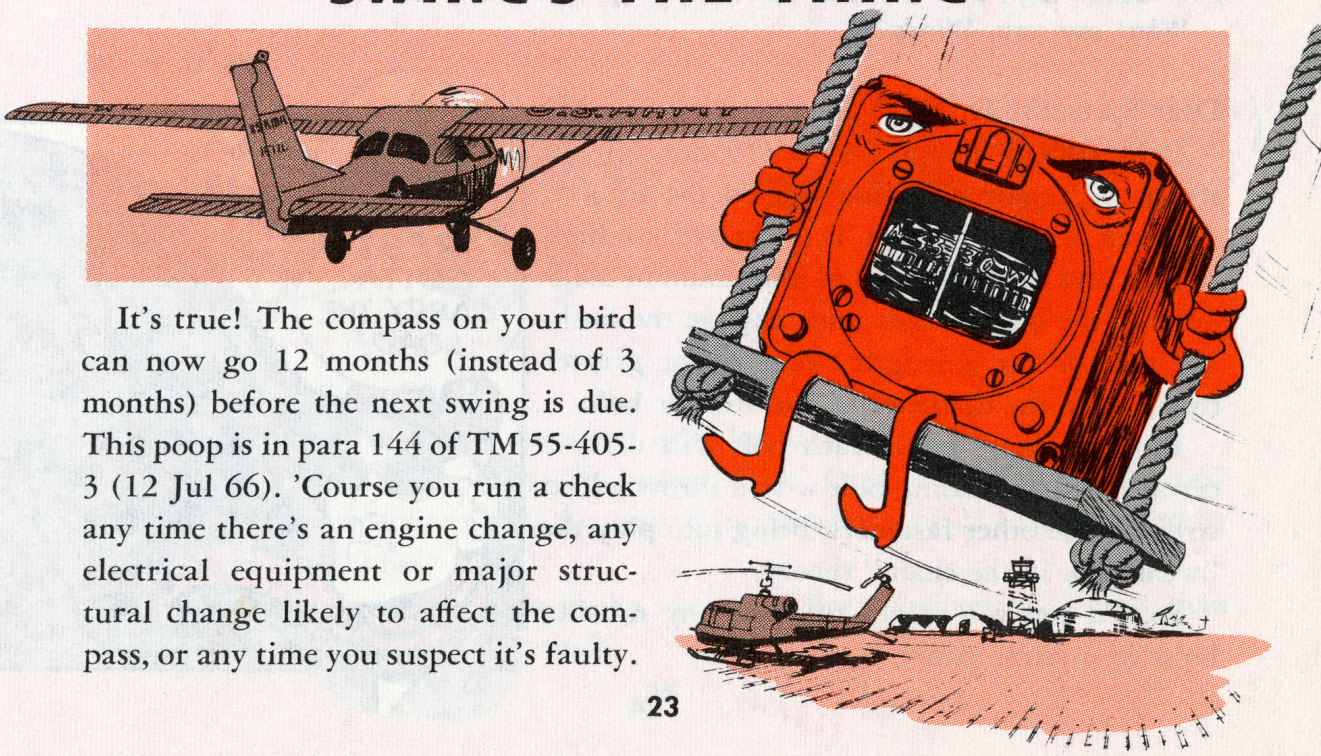
Say you spot hydraulic fluid at the breather hole. The hole is there to prevent a hydraulic lock in the valve. It also serves as a lock-wire hole.

Does this seepage mean the valve is shot? Certainly not!

Here's what happens. Hydraulic fluid seal seepage gathers in the bottom of the valve. When the valve operates, the increased pressure in the spring chamber causes fluid to spurt out of the valve hole.

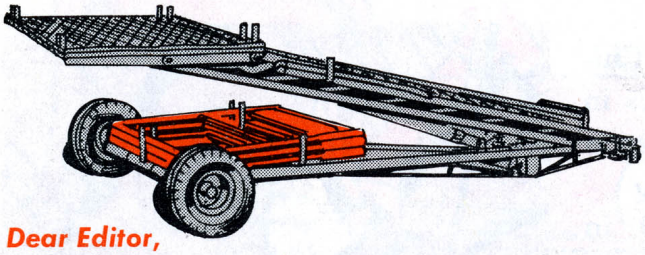
A new valve won't help the situation . . . but a little wiping will.

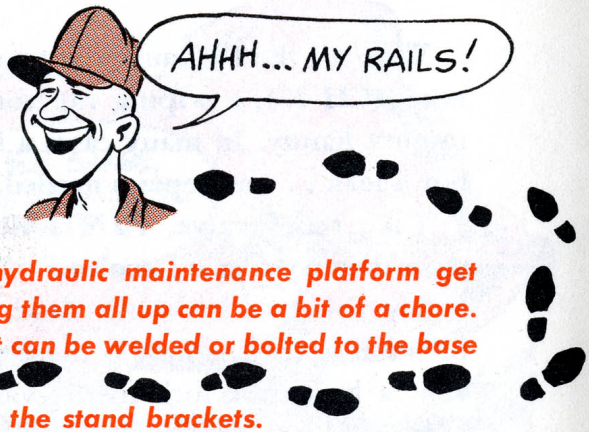
SWING'S THE THING



It's true! The compass on your bird can now go 12 months (instead of 3 months) before the next swing is due. This poop is in para 144 of TM 55-405-3 (12 Jul 66). 'Course you run a check any time there's an engine change, any electrical equipment or major structural change likely to affect the compass, or any time you suspect it's faulty.

HAND RAIL STORAGE SAVES STEPS





Dear Editor,

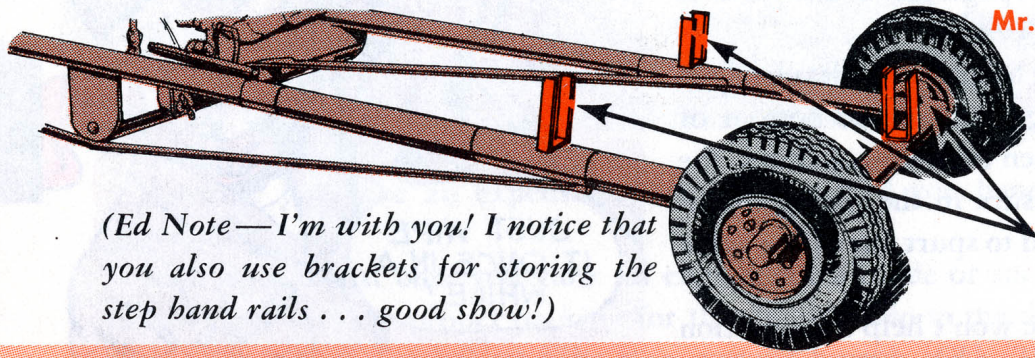
There are times when the hand rails for the hydraulic maintenance platform get scattered to the four corners of a hangar. Rounding them all up can be a bit of a chore.

We came up with three U-shaped brackets that can be welded or bolted to the base of the stand.

Now we store the three platform hand rails in the stand brackets.

No more looking high and low for the hand rails—they're kept right with each unit.

Mr. Alfred Morgan
Fort Eustis, Va.



(Ed Note—I'm with you! I notice that you also use brackets for storing the step hand rails . . . good show!)

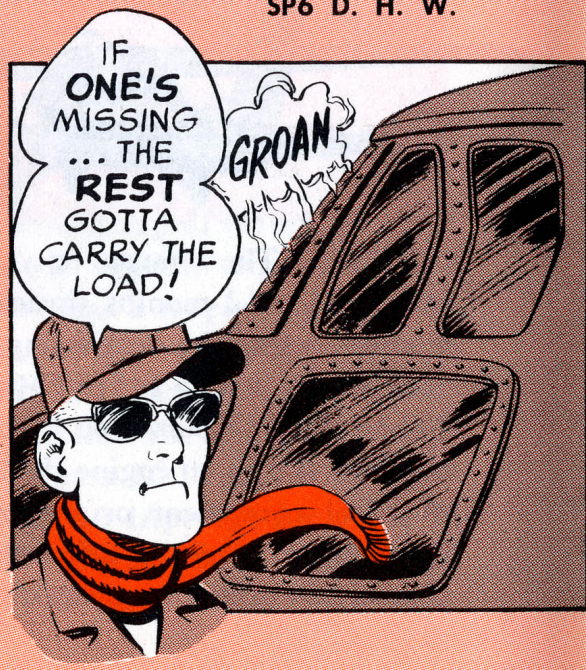
NO WEAK LINKS, PLEASE

Dear Windy,

Just how many missing studs or bolts are allowed on an aircraft stress panel? I've looked high and low and can't come up with the answer.

What say you, Windy?

SP6 D. H. W.



Dear Specialist D. H. W.,

Para 42b in TM 55-405-4 (19 Sep 66) on structural repair will clue you on the subject.

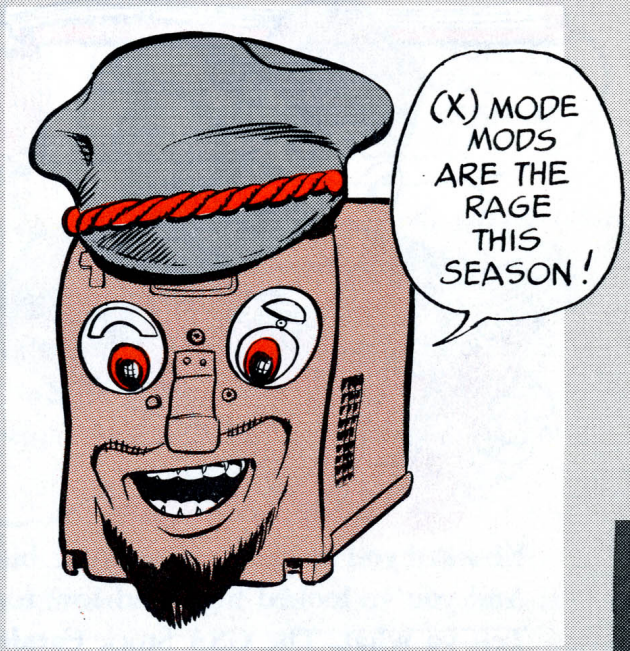
When a stud or bolt is subjected to high stresses and the bushing is in aluminum or magnesium, the bolt threads must engage the bushing threads for a length equal to, or greater than, twice the diameter of the stud or bolt.

Bird designers figure each bolt will carry a certain load. A missing bolt would throw added stress on the other fasteners, bring into play the "weak link in the chain" theory.

So, I'd say you're not allowed any missing bolts in a stress panel.

Windy

(X) MODE FOR ALL ARC-54's



What's in a number? Plenty — when it comes to providing (X) mode operation for your bird's RT-348/ARC-54.

MWO 11-5821-244-30/2 (12 Sep 66) with Ch 1 (1 Mar 67) has a listing of serial numbered radios that are to be modified, but it's not complete . . . that's the rub.

If your ARC-54 is not listed, crack a copy of DA Circular 750-18 (23 Feb 67). This up-to-date MWO index lists the serial numbers affected for all of Uncle's equipment.

Page 200 shows that the (X) mode goes on all ARC-54's.

'Course the bird log book, DA Form 2408-5, and the decal on front of the set should show if the mode mod was done. To double-check, take the cover off your RT-248 and have a look-see for a decal on the Transmit Audio which says the MWO is incorporated.

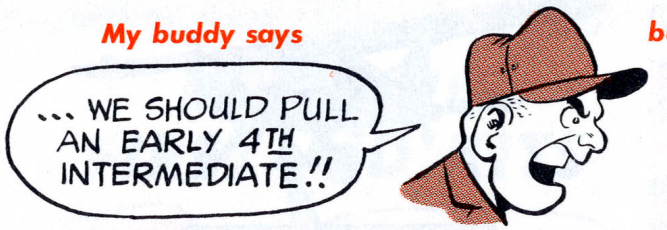
No decal? Schedule it . . . soonest.

BIRD TRANSFER CHECK

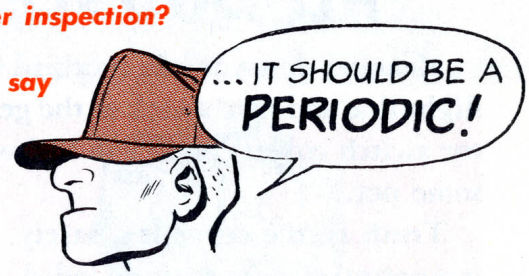
Dear Windy,

Can you settle a dispute on an aircraft transfer inspection?

My buddy says



but I say



Before we come to blows what say you, Windy?

SP5 T. O. D.

Dear Specialist T. O. D.,

Tell your buddy to toss in the towel — he loses.

There is no such thing as a 4th Intermediate. Para 4 of TB AVN 23-67 (11 Feb 65) on inspections calls for only 3 Intermediates of 25-hrs, followed by the Periodic at 100-hrs.

Your transfer inspection can be an early 3rd Intermediate or, if less than 25-hrs to the PMP, an early Periodic.

Windy

IN A BIND FOR BINDERS?

You say you're hurting for some binders for your aircraft pubs?

And you've looked high and low for a supply catalog that lists them?

Tell ya what. The GSA Stock Catalog in your supply room lists all kinds of office supplies, including the binders.

There're several types to choose from . . . you pays your money and takes your choice.

One popular binder is the black, 2-in capacity, 3-ring type with metal hinges. It holds standard 11 x 8½-in pubs, carries FSN 7510-579-2751 and lists for $1.05.

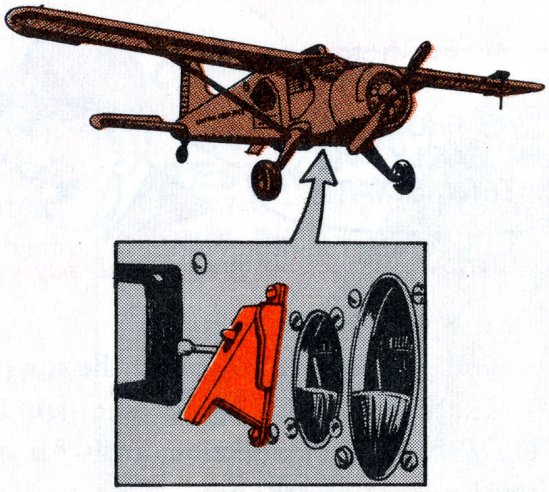
Your authority for requisitioning could read like so — needed for binding Army aircraft maintenance publications.

NO DOUBLE SAFETY NEEDED

Meander down any Beaverbird (U-6) flight line and take a look at the generator switch covers. Some are lockwired, some not.

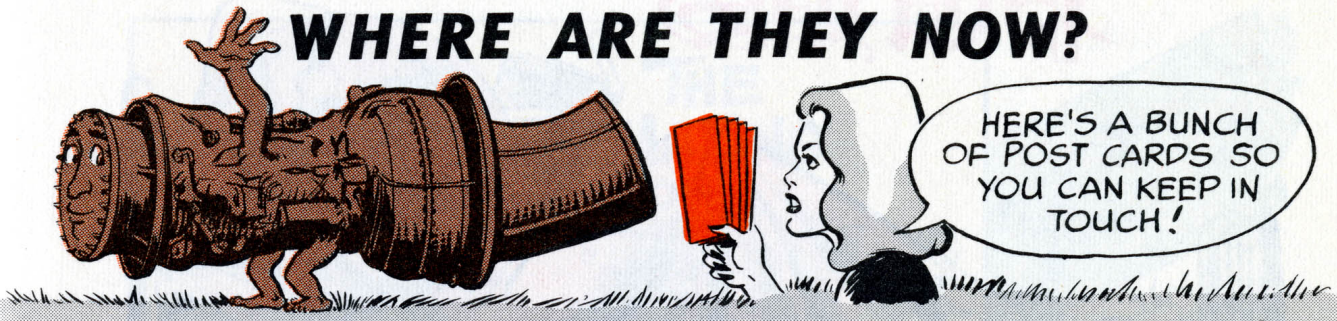
Truth is, the cover is a safety. That mousetrap-strong spring-loaded cover is snappy enough to resist a stray flip of the fingers.

Remember — when you're trouble shooting the direct current system, according to para 12-12 of TM 55-1510-203-20 (Aug 65), the generator is switched ON and OFF for various checks.



No sense making extra work for yourself by lockwiring the safety.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

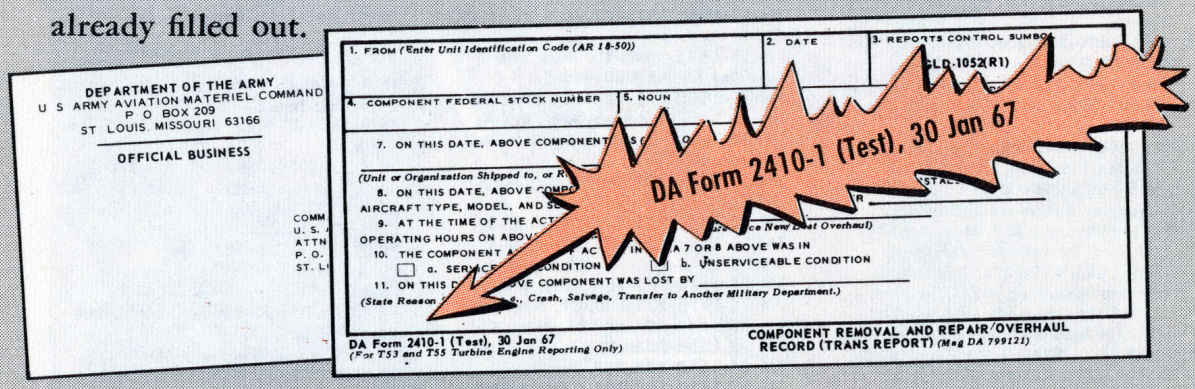


. . . That's what the topside supply types need to know about the T-53 and T-55 engines that come and go in your outfit.

These Huey, Mohawk and Chinook engines are the first components to come under the new Aviation Component Intensive Management System (ACIMS). The idea is to keep track of costly components from the day they enter the supply system until they're condemned.

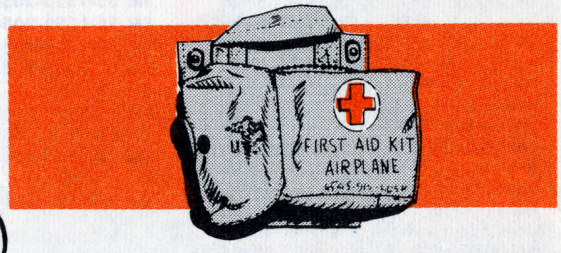
Here's all you air types do.

An initial supply of DA Form 2410-1 (test) pre-addressed post cards has been issued and additional forms are available from AVCOM. Most of the card is already filled out.



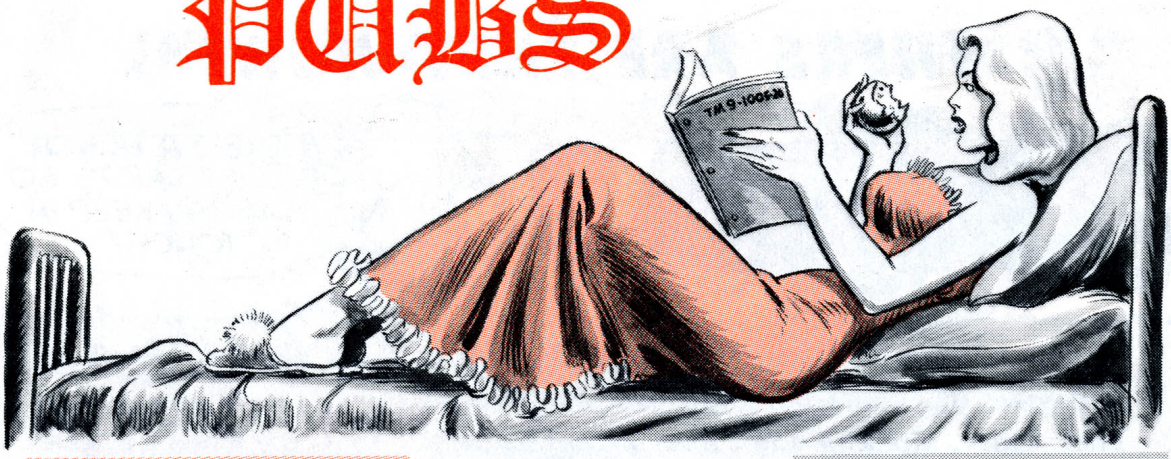
Just "X" the proper blocks. Enter your unit identification code, list the component hours, fill in the "received from" or "shipped to" line and mail it . . . that's all there is to it!

MARKING FIRST AID KITS



Change 2 (4 Oct 66) to TB AVN 10 has the straight dope on marking the first aid kits in your birds with a red cross on a white background and adding the words "First Aid Kit Airplane". Conflicting info in TM 55-405-3, para 151, is being changed.

PUBS



A selected list of recent publications of interest to Organizational Maintenance Personnel. This is a list compiled from recent Adjutant General's Distribution Center Bulletins. For complete details see DA Pam 310-4 and Ch 5 (10 Feb 67) and DA Pam 310-6 and Ch 3 (Apr 67).

TECHNICAL MANUALS

TM 5-2805-254-13, May, Marine System.
TM 5-4320-237-25P, May, Pump, Cent: GED, 50 GPM, Barnes 28002.
TM 9-1005-223-20, May, M14, M14A1 Rifles, 7.62MM, Bipod, M2 Rifle.
TM 9-1005-233-25, May, 7.62MM-M73 Machine Gun.
TM 9-1005-298-12, May, XM27E1 Helicopter Armament Subsystem.
TM 9-1005-298-20P, May, XM27E1 Helicopter Armament Subsystem.
TM 9-1015-215-12, C1, Jun, M30 4.2 Inch Mortar on M24A1 Mount.
TM 9-1015-221-ESC, May, M40A1 106-MM Recoiless Rifles on M79 Mount.
TM 9-1015-234-12, C3, May, M102 105-MM Towed Howitzer.
TM 9-1055-217-12P, Jun, 2.75 Inch Rocket-Launcher XM3.
TM 9-1340-202-12, Apr, Honest John.
TM 9-1430-250-15P/10/1, Apr, Nike-Herc Imp.
TM 9-1430-513-12/1, Jun, Hawk.
TM 9-2320-211-10, C6, May, 5-Ton Truck, M41, M54, M55, M39, M40, M61, M63, M139C, M139D, M51, M52, M292/M292A1 and M543.
TM 9-2320-246-10, Apr, M274 ½-Ton Platform Utility Truck.
TM 9-6920-425-14, C1, Jun, Redeye.
TM 11-5820-498-12, May, Radio Sets AN/VRC-53, AN/GRC-125, Amplifier-Power Supply Group OA-3633/GRC.
TM 11-5820-696-15, Jun, Communications Facility Mobil AN/MRC-119, AN/MRC-120.
TM 11-5820-700-15, May, Amplifier-Power Supply Group OA-7806/FRC-56A(V) and Electron Tube Liquid Cooler HD-661/FRC-39A(V).
TM 11-5840-298-12, Jun, Radar Set AN/PPS-5.
TM 11-5840-298-ESC, Jun, Radar Set AN/PPS-5.
TM 11-6140-214-15, May, Storage Battery, BB-622/U, Battery Box CY-3871/PPS-5.
TM 11-6625-315-15, May, Radar OA-2228/TPS-25, OA-2228A/TPS-25 Test Set Groups.
TM 11-6625-450-15, May, TS-183/U, TS-183A/U, TS-183/B Battery Testers.
TM 11-6625-628-25P, Jul, Test Set, Radiofrequency, Power AN/URM-167.
TM 11-6625-1514-15, May, H-P Vacuum Tube Voltmeter.
TM 11-6625-1515-15, May, Frequency Converter, H-P 5253B.
TM 11-6625-1575-15, May, 612A UHF Signal Generator.
TM 11-6625-1683-15, May, Test Facilities Kit MK-980/PPS-5.
TM 11-6660-218-12, May, Meteorological Station Manual AN/TMQ-4.
TM 38-750, May, Army Equip Record Procedures.
TM 55-1510-201-20PMI, C1, May, U-8.
TM 55-1510-201-20, C2, Jul, U-8.
TM 55-1510-202-20, C5, Jul, O-1.
TM 55-1510-203-20, C3, Jun, U-6.
TM 55-1510-203-20P, May, U-6.
TM 55-1510-203-20P, C1, Jun, U-6.
TM 55-1510-204-20, C1, May, OV-1.
TM 55-1510-205-20, C3, Jun, U-1.
TM 55-1510-205-20P, Jun, U-1.
TM 55-1510-205-20P, C1, Jun, U-1.
TM 55-1520-201-20, C8, Jun, UH-19.
TM 55-1520-202-20, C3, C4, Jul, CH-34.
TM 55-1520-204-20, C3, Jul, OH-13.
TM 55-1520-205-20, C4, Jun, CH-21.
TM 55-1520-205-20, C5, Jul, CH-21.
TM 55-1520-205-20PMD, Jun, CH-21.
TM 55-1520-209-20, C3, Jul, CH-47.
TM 55-1520-209-20P-1, C1, Jul, CH-47.
TM 55-1520-210-20P-2, C1, Jun, UH-1A-1B-1C-1D.
TM 55-1520-211-10, C1, Jun, UH-1A-1B.
TM 55-1520-214-20, C3, Jul, OH-6.

MODIFICATION WORK ORDER

MWO 5-2410-209-25/1, C2, Jun, Tractor, Allis-Chalmers HD16M, Install Guide Plates on Dozer Push Beams.
MWO 5-3805-231-30/1, Jul, Scraper, Earthmoving, Towed; 18 Cu Yd Euclid 58SH-G Install Ejector Stop, Brace Hose; Modify Apron.
MWO 5-6100-201-20/1, May, Gen Set: GED, 10KW, 60 Cyc, Mil Design SF-10-MD Install Shroud on Generator Stator Frame.
MWO 9-2300-293-20, Jul, M60, M60A1 tank, M728 Combat Engr Vehicle, M60A1 Launcher Bridge, Tank Chassis, and M48A3 tank.
MWO 9-2320-211-20/9, May, 5-Ton Truck, M54, M55, M61, M63, M139C, M139D, M51, M52, M62.
MWO 55-1520-209-34/124, Jun, CH-47.
MWO 55-1520-209-34/125, Jun, CH-47.
MWO 55-1520-209-40/8, Jul, CH-47.

TECHNICAL BULLETINS

TB 9-1400-250-24/1, Jun, Nike-Herc, Nike-Herc Imp.
TB 9-2300-295-15, Jun, M151 ¼-Ton Truck.
TB 9-2300-295-15/1, Jun, M37B1 ¾-Ton Cargo Truck.
TB 9-2300-295-15/2, Jun, ¾-Ton Cargo Trk M37B1.
TB 55-1500-200-30/1, Jun, UH-1A-1B-1C-1D.
TB 55-1510-202-30/1, Jul, O-1.
TB 55-6650-300-15, Jun, Fixed and Rotor Wing.
TB 750-992-2, C1, Jun, Rotor Wing.
TB 750-992-2, C2, C3, C4, C5, Jul, Rotor Wing.

MISCELLANEOUS

DA Circular 95-12, Jun, UH-1A-1B.
LO 5-2420-213-12-1, -2, Jun, Tractor, Whld, DED, Cat 830MB.
LO 5-2420-213-12-3, Jun, Tractor, Whld, Ind DED Cat 830MB W/Cat Eng D343T/A.
LO 5-3895-219-20-1, -2, -3, May, Mixer, Concrete, Trailer Mtd: GED Construction Machinery 16 SM W/Eng Continental YS116 or Wisconsin Eng MVF4D.
LO 5-3895-280-15-1, -3, May, Mixer Tiller: DED, Rex Chainbelt HDTM.
LO 5-4320-237-15, May, Pumping Assy, Flammable Liquid, Cent, 50 GPM, Barnes QM-2-28002, W/Wisconsin Eng MBKND.
LO 5-4940-216-12, May, Shop Equip, Org Repair, Light, Trk Mtd on 5-Ton M63A2 Chassis, Southwest Truck Body Searl.
LO 9-1005-298-12, Jun, Helicopter Armament Subsystem XM27E1.
LO 9-2320-246-12, May, M274 ½-Ton Platform Utility Truck.
SB 700-20, May, Revision of SB 700-20 (31 Jan 67).

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...WE CAN SURE USE ANOTHER HAND... OKAY, SMITTY, HE'S YOUR BOY!
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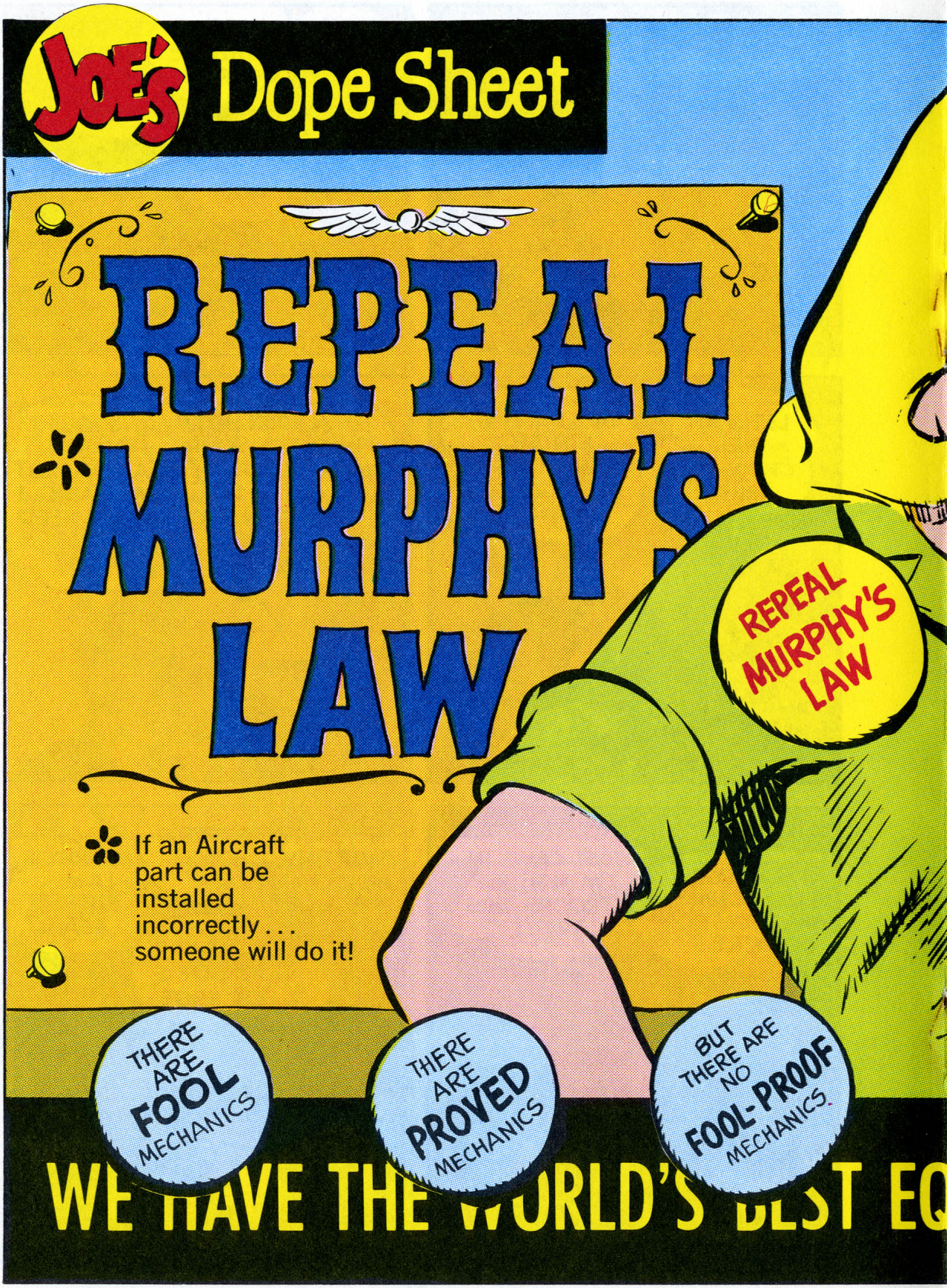
HOW TO REPEAL MURPHY'S LAWS

MURPHY, THIS IS SERGEANT SMITH... CHECK IN WITH HIM!
YEAH?
HI YA!
SERGEANT SMITH, I GOT SOMETHIN' TO TELL YOU!
I WENT THROUGH SCHOOL IN A BREEZE, LIKE I WAS TOPS IN MY CLASS... SO, I GOT GOOD NEWS FOR YOU!
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WET NURSE ME... JUST POINT ME AT THE JOB AND LEMME BE!!
THAT SUITS ME FINE!! I GOT A LOT OF OTHER THINGS TO DO!!
SEE YOU AROUND!! YOU NEED ANY HELP- LOOK ME UP!
HARDLY...
HELP?? HAW... ME?? HOT-SHOT MURPHY?... ...IS HE KIDDING??

LESEE, NOW... THIS THROTTLE LINKAGE ... AH YES, A BREEZE.
HEY, CAN I SWIPE ONE OF THEM THERMOCOUPLES?
SURE, WHICH?
MOX NIX!
LET'S HIT THE CHOW-LINE, MURF!
YUP, SOON'S I FINISH CONNECTING UP THIS IGNITION HARNESS!
MAN, YOUR HOT!! FINISHED YOUR WORK ALREADY? ...I GOTTA LOT OF QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE I'M FINISHED!
...YOU'RE TALKIN' TO A HOT-SHOT MECHANIC. I DON'T NEED HELP... LET'S FEED!
LATER
HI YA, SARGE, HELLO CONNIE... WHAT YOU DOIN' UP HERE?
JUST CAME IN— I'M VISITING TROOPS THIS TRIP!!
HEY, SMITTY, WHERE'S MURPHY... HOW'D HE DO OUT ON THE LINE?
NO SWEAT! THAT BOY'S A HOT SHOT!
UH, OH, MURPHY'S LAW STRIKES AGAIN!
PIN UP



IF YOU WANT TO DISPLAY THIS CENTERPIECE ON YOUR BULL

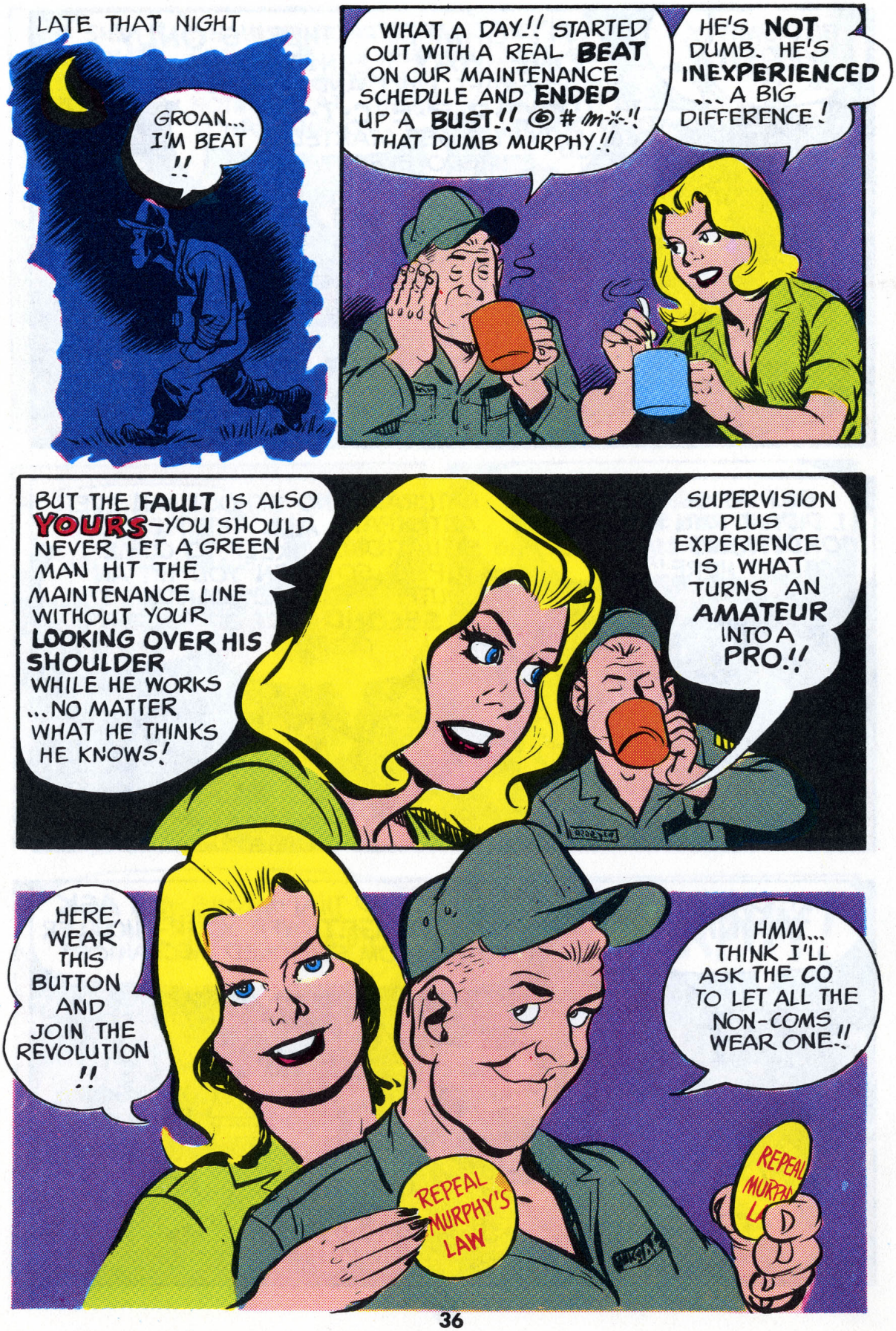
IF YOU WANT TO DISPLAY THIS CENTERPIECE ON YOUR BULLETIN BOARD, OPEN STAPLES, LIFT IT OUT AND PIN IT UP.

QUIPMENT ...Take care of it

LETIN BOARD, OPEN STAPLES, LIFT IT OUT AND PIN IT UP.

HOT SHOT? MAN, THAT KID'S JUST OUTTA SCHOOL. HE NEEDS ALL THE HELP HE CAN GET!!
HAW, HE DON'T NEED NO HELP... HE WHIPPED THRU HIS WORK IN NOTHIN' FLAT... WE'RE 'WAY AHEAD!
HEY!! @+!m! I JUST BEEN INSPECTING MURPHY'S WORK. WOTTA BOMB!
WHERE? SHOW ME!
HUH?
LOOK AT THIS LOUSED UP THROTTLE LINKAGE!
OH, NO!
AND THAT THERMOCOUPLE IS NOT THE ONE THAT BELONGS IN THIS SET-UP!
AND THESE IGNITION LEADS—BASSACKWARDS.
MURPHY!

BUT SMITTY, THEY FIT!!
FIT-SHMITT-- THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO INSTALL AN AIRCRAFT PART AND THAT IS: C-O-R-R-E-C-T-L-Y! ... LET'S GET STARTED! ... REDO EVERYTHING!
BUT AT SCHOOL I DIDN'T RUN INTO CONDITIONS LIKE YOU GOT OUT HERE!!
NATURALLY, NO SCHOOL CAN EVER ANTICIPATE ALL THE FIELD SITUATIONS LIKELY TO COME UP!!... SO WHEN YOU HIT AN OUTFIT YOU ARE STARTING THE SECOND PART OF YOUR COURSE.
LIKE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING?!
RIGHT! AND THAT MEANS YOU ASK FOR AND GET OVER-YOUR-SHOULDER HELP FROM SEASONED MECHANICS!
KEEP GOIN', KID, YOU GOT EIGHT MORE JOBS TO BE RE-DONE!


LATE THAT NIGHT
GROAN... I'M BEAT !!
WHAT A DAY!! STARTED OUT WITH A REAL BEAT ON OUR MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE AND ENDED UP A BUST!! @#m-*-!! THAT DUMB MURPHY!!
HE'S NOT DUMB. HE'S INEXPERIENCED ...A BIG DIFFERENCE!
BUT THE FAULT IS ALSO YOURS-YOU SHOULD NEVER LET A GREEN MAN HIT THE MAINTENANCE LINE WITHOUT YOUR LOOKING OVER HIS SHOULDER WHILE HE WORKS ...NO MATTER WHAT HE THINKS HE KNOWS!
SUPERVISION PLUS EXPERIENCE IS WHAT TURNS AN AMATEUR INTO A PRO!!
HERE, WEAR THIS BUTTON AND JOIN THE REVOLUTION !!
REPEAL MURPHY'S LAW
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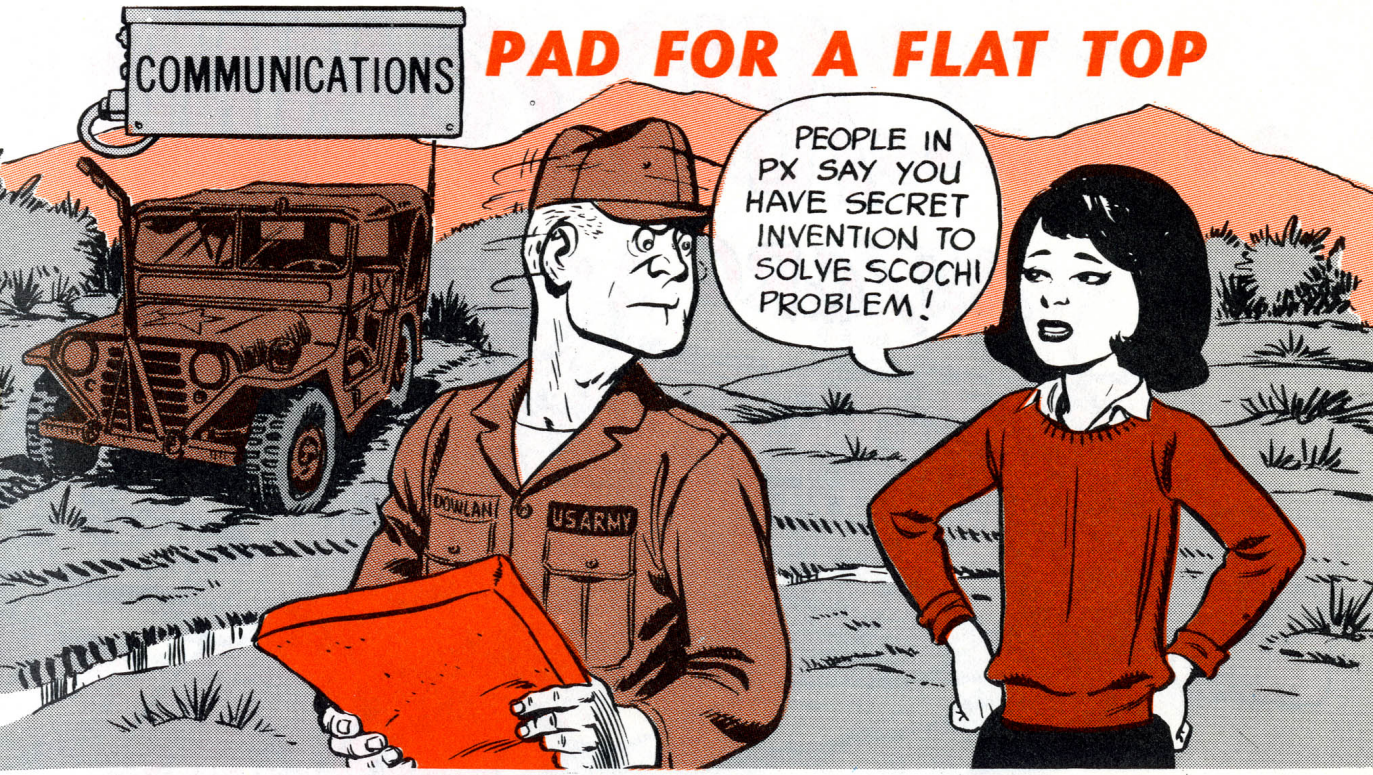
PAD FOR A FLAT TOP



Dear Half-Mast,

This outfit has wound up with plastic pads, 12x11x1 inches, after installing AN/GRC-125 and AN/VRC-53 radio sets in some of our M151 ¼-ton trucks. My question is: What do we do with 'em?

SSG S. D. L.

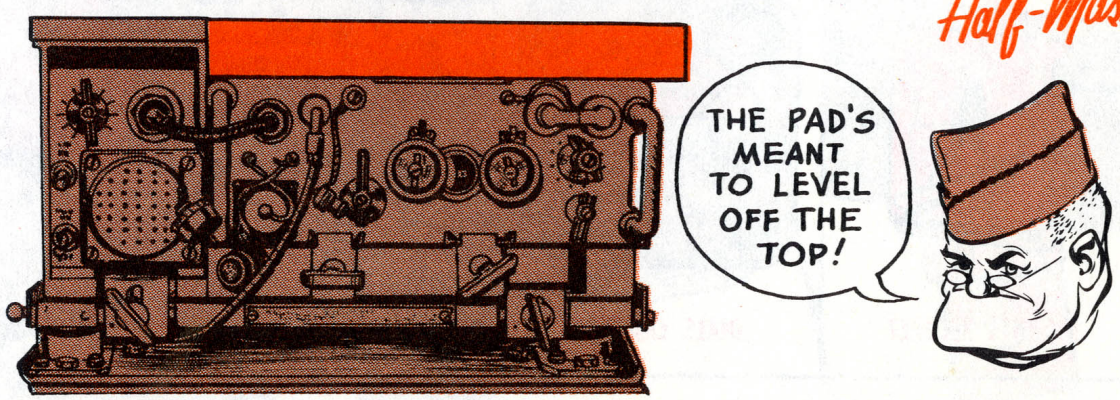
Dear Sergeant S. D. L.,

No sweat. That pad (FSN 5820-078-4185) lays on top of your RT-505 receiver-transmitter when used with the OA-3633 amplifier-power supply group to form a flat surface for a CW-653 canvas cover (FSN 5820-082-3741).

Without the pad the corners of the OA-3633 tend to dig holes in that CW-653, and before you can say 'a stitch in time' that protector cover looks like swiss cheese.

Of course, if you remove the cover, keep the pad with it or the pad may wind up like a wayward wanderer.

Half-Mast



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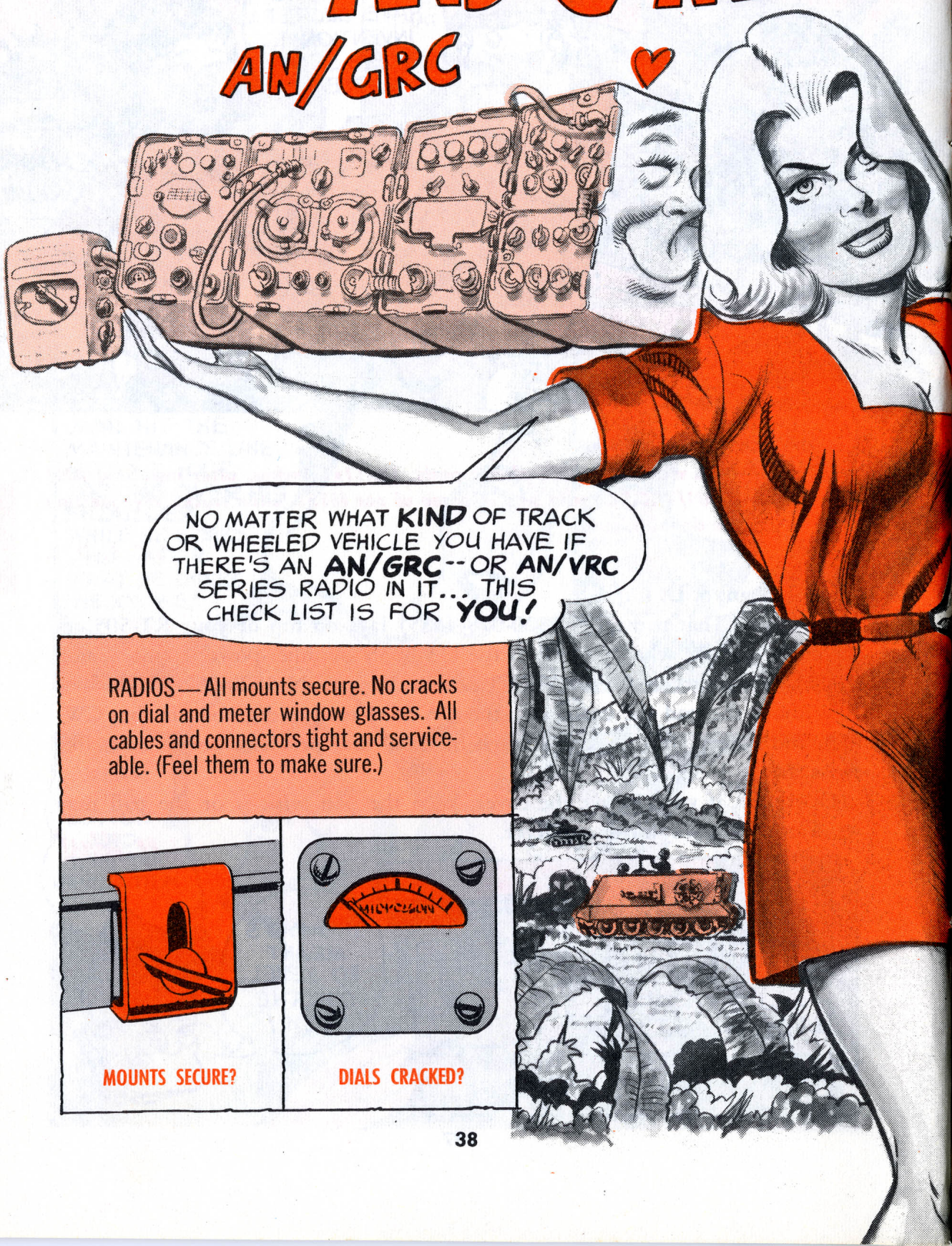
. . . . . AND COMMU

AN/GRC



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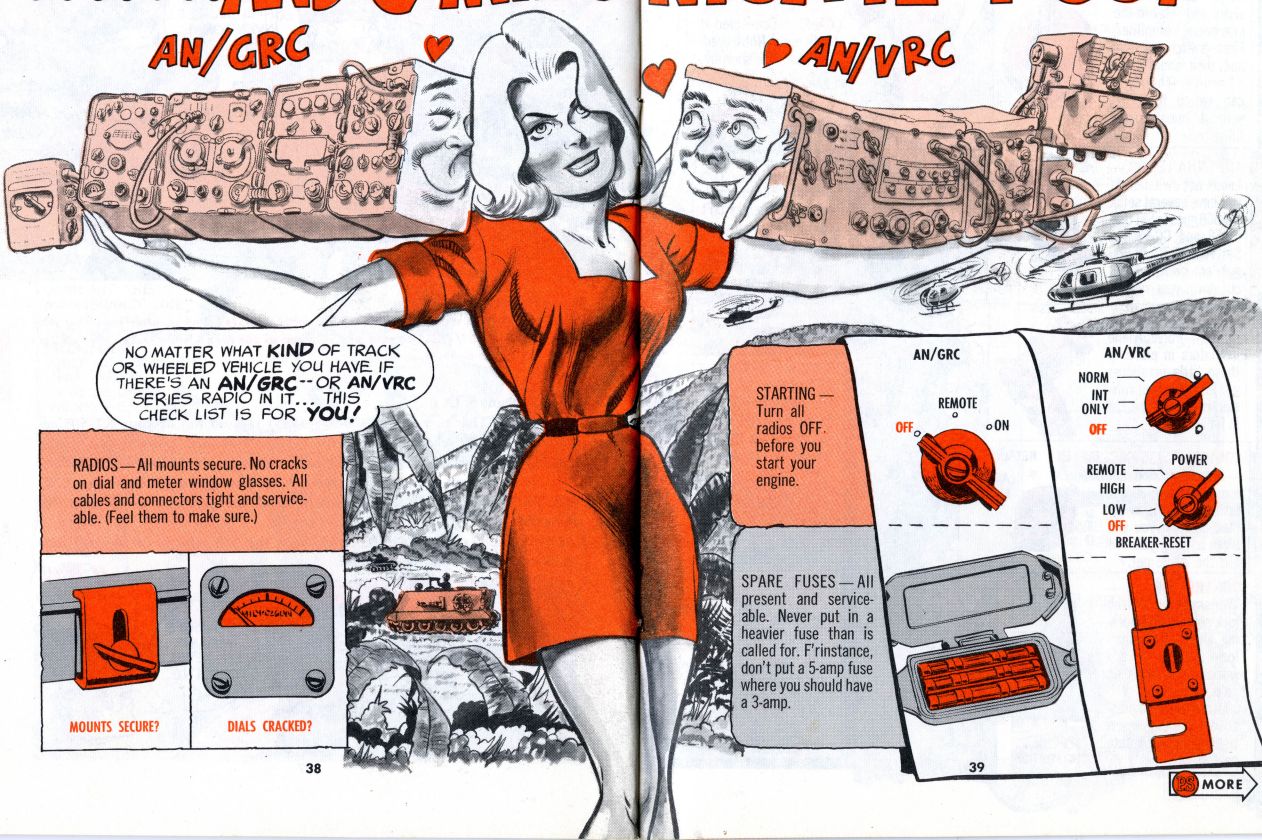

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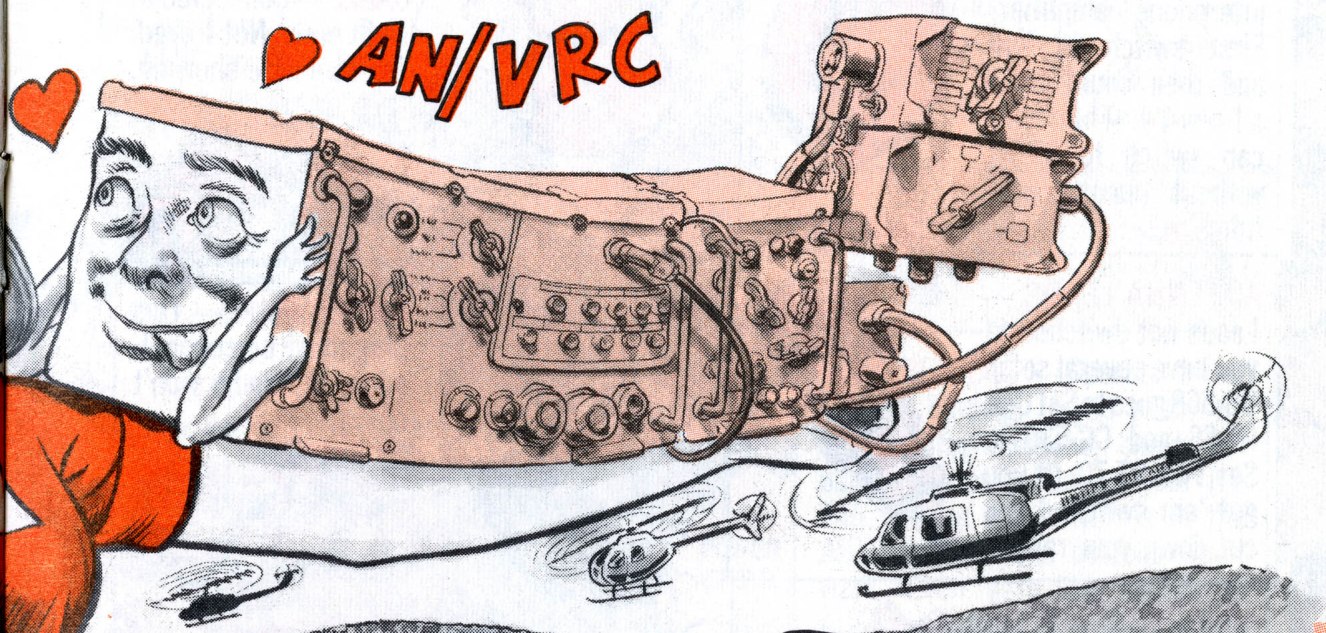
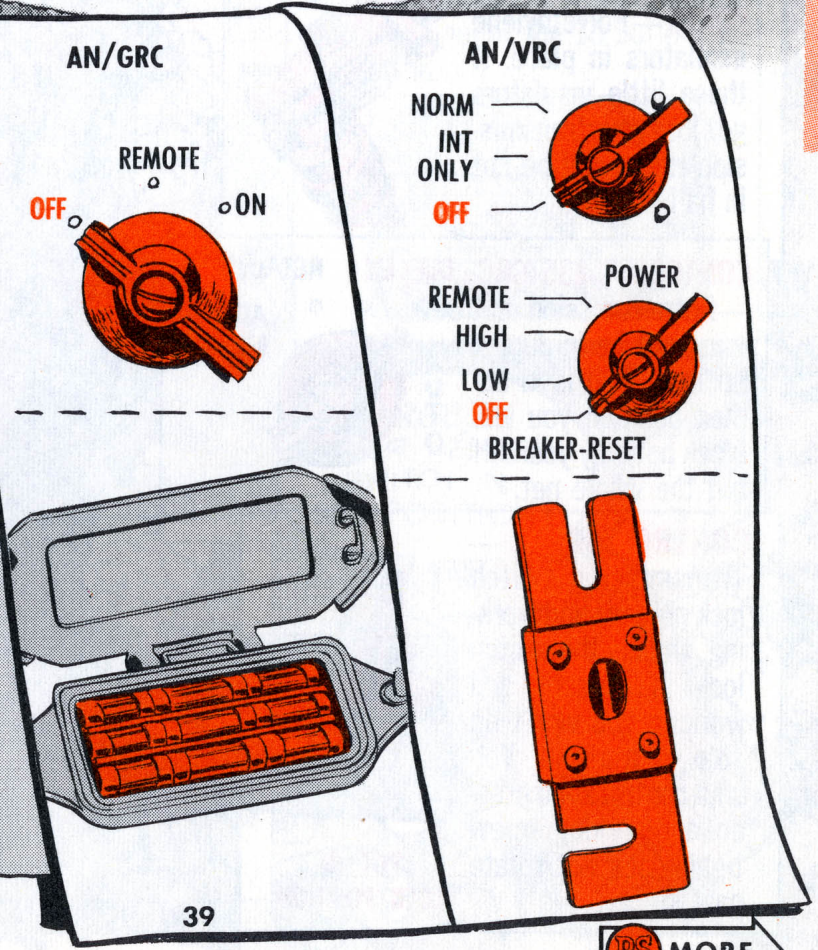


STARTING — Turn all radios OFF before you start your engine.

SPARE FUSES — All present and serviceable. Never put in a heavier fuse than is called for. F'rinstance, don't put a 5-amp fuse where you should have a 3-amp.



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AN GRC-3,-8 SERIES ONLY

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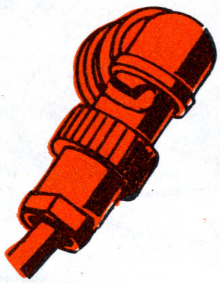

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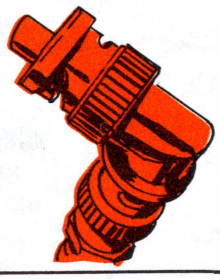

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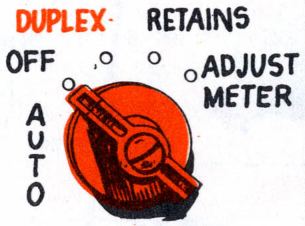

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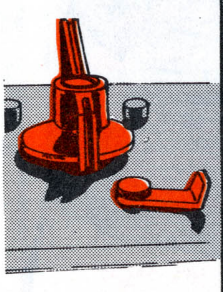

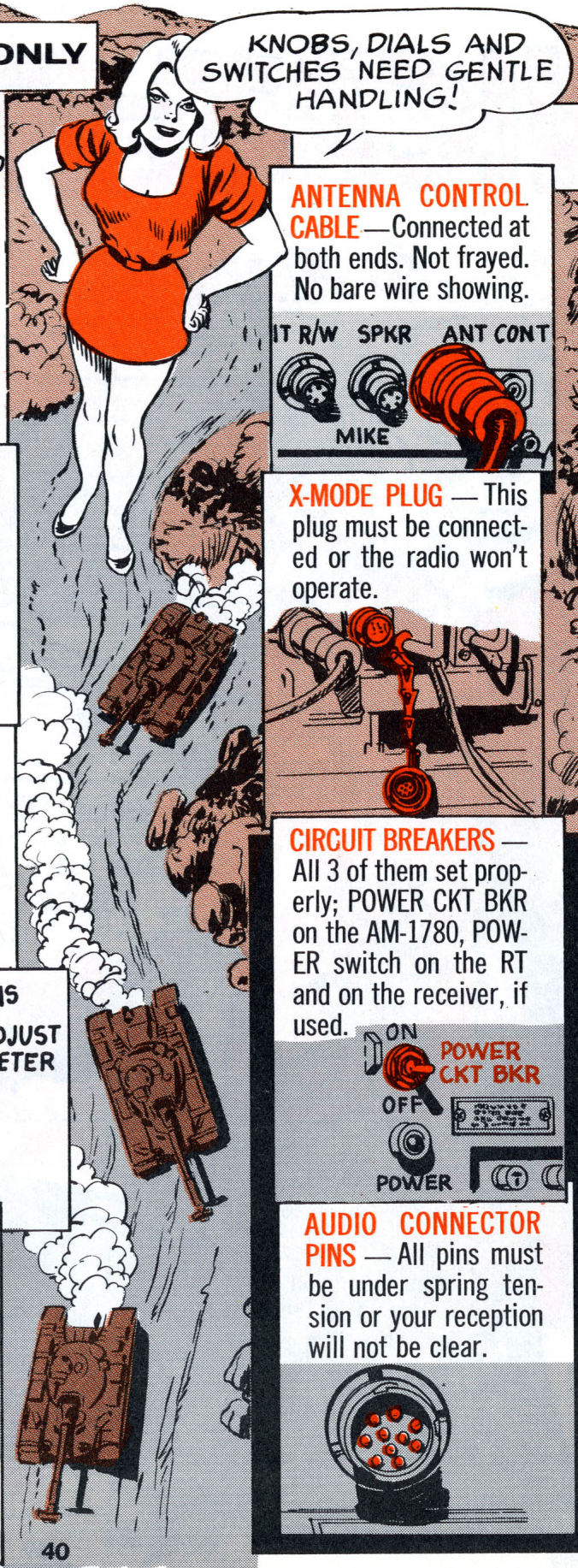

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AN GRC-3,-8 SERIES ONLY

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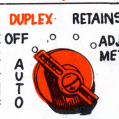

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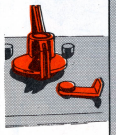

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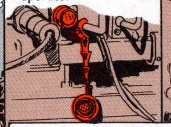

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AN VRC-12 SERIES RADIOS

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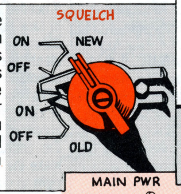

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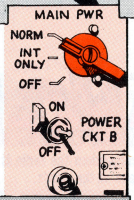

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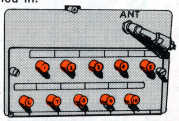

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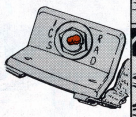

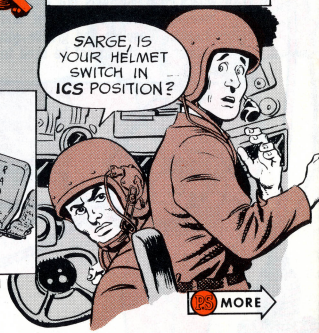

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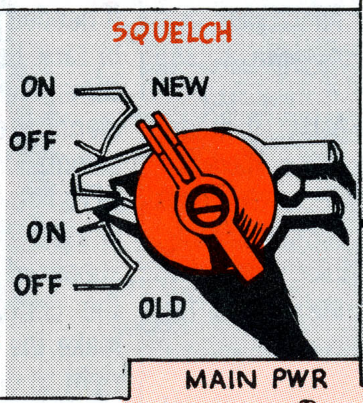

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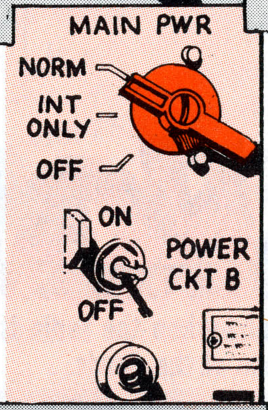

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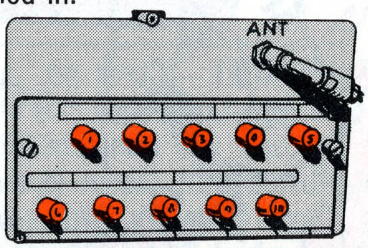

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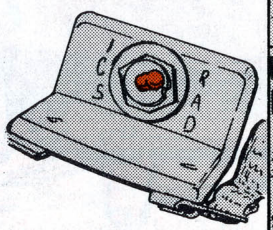

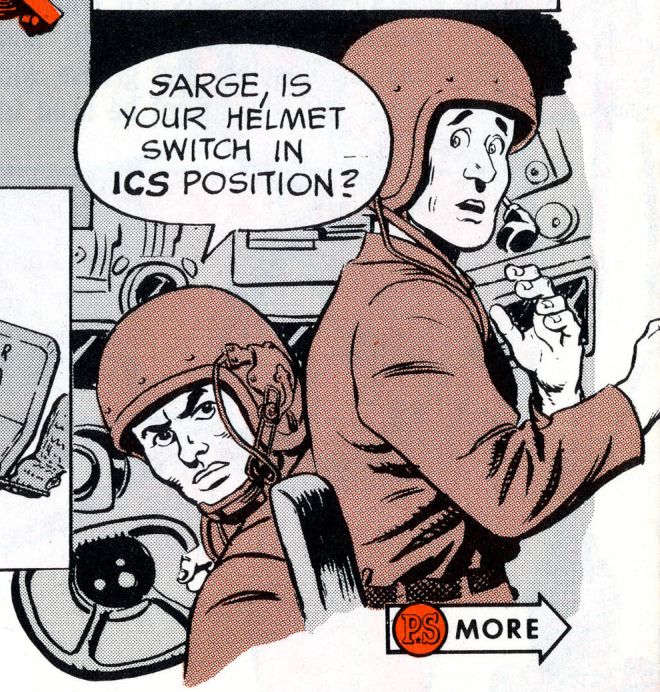

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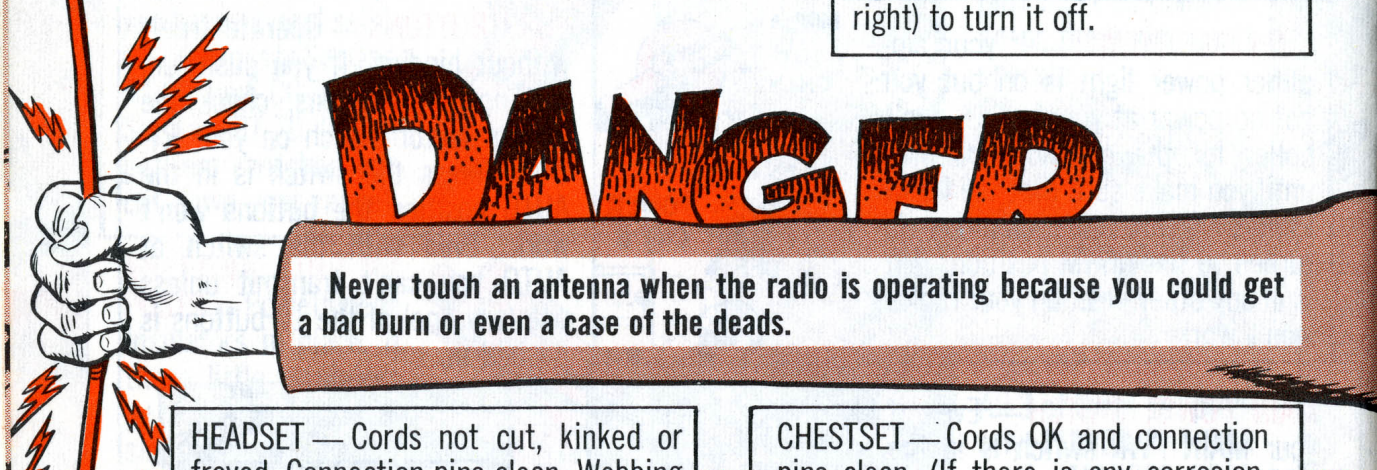
RED FLAG — A red flag in the frequency dial window of your RT-246 is your warning to stop and figure out what has to be done to make the flag go away. The flag will pop into the window when you reach either end of the "A" (30-52) or "B" (53-75) band. However, it goes away as soon as you back off your tuning control.

If the flag appears when you're on AUTO, it means something is wrong with your push buttons. Have the commo man fix them for you. Meanwhile, switch back to manual operation and you can go on communicating. All you have to do is back off your tuning control to make the flag disappear and then tune to the frequency you want.

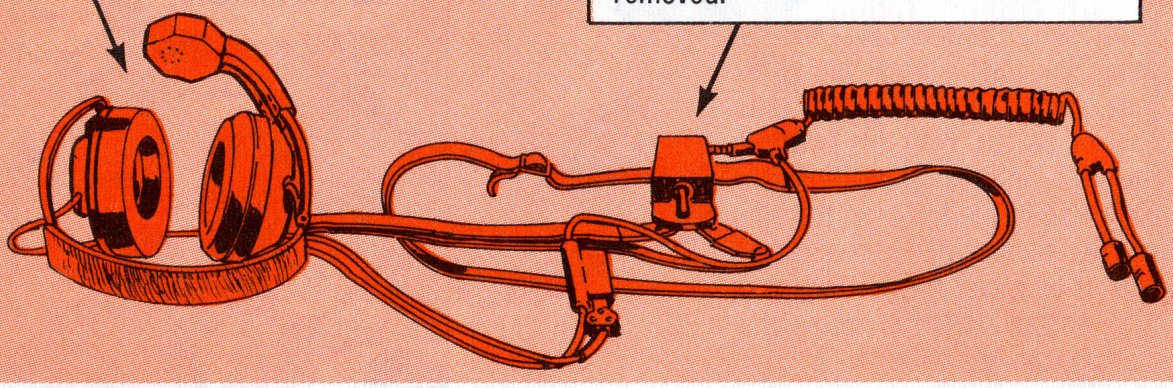
FREQUENCY SELECTOR BOX — Before replacing the light first make sure that it has really burned out and is not just turned off. Replace if needed with a Number 327 bulb. In tank use, the loader's and tank commander's selector boxes are identical except that only the tank commander can turn the radios OFF. The OFF position on the loader's box does not work and is not supposed to. Turn the ring around the control light to the left to make the light brighter and to the right to dim the light and (extreme right) to turn it off.

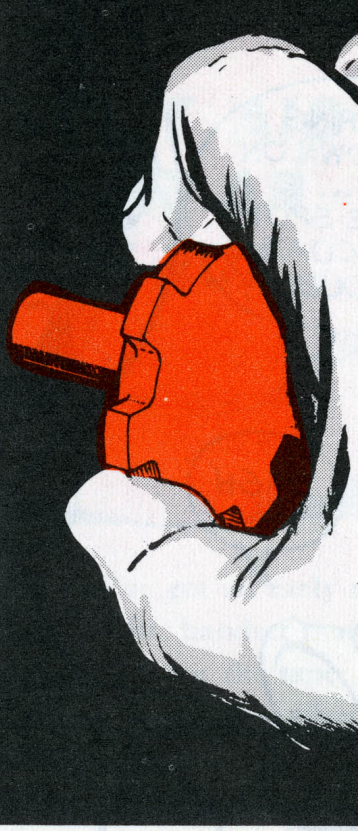


Never touch an antenna when the radio is operating because you could get a bad burn or even a case of the deads.

HEADSET — Cords not cut, kinked or frayed. Connection pins clean. Webbing present and complete. Boom mike adjusted right. (About ½ inch from lips.) Boom mike dry. (Water will put it out of whack.) Ear cushions not chunked or missing. Head band present and serviceable. (Gasoline and grease will rot rubber and should not be used to clean it.)

CHESTSET — Cords OK and connection pins clean. (If there is any corrosion, remove it gently with crocus cloth and clean, dry, rags.) Push-to-talk switch operates smoothly and returns from the RAD to the listen position as soon as you take your thumb off it. When the switch is flipped to the ICS position it should stay there and not return to the listen position when thumb pressure is removed.





EASY—YOU'LL BREAK IT OFF

A little light-fingered activity on the screw-in plastic dust covers for receptacles on AN/VRC-12 series radio set components can save big problems.

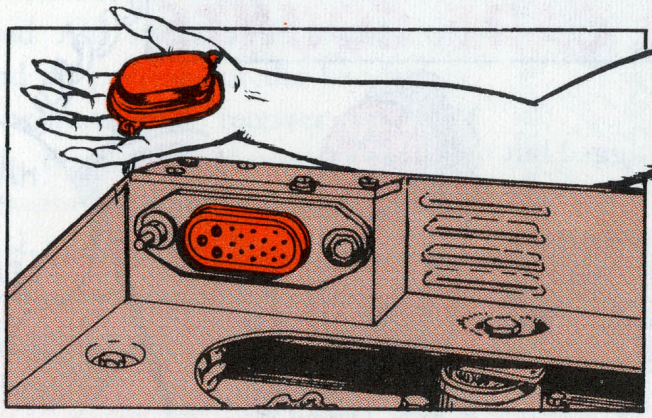
Namely, overtightening by hand or otherwise breaks the plastic stem inside the connector, which leads to all kinds of complications.

If you should get the broken stem out, you can get a replacement with FSN 5935-958-4869. You'll find it in Ch 4 to TM 11-5820-401-20.

GOT IT COVERED?

Keeping dirt, mud and moisture out of the MT-1029 or MT-1898 mount's electrical receptacle is mighty important when your RT-524, -246 receiver-transmitter or R-442 receiver is pulled out for repairs.

Especially, if the mount is on an open-type vehicle like a M151 ¼-ton truck. 'Cause those little plug pin holes can get clogged, breaking the circuit, or water can short out your mount as well as drain your vehicle's battery.



When the mount's sittin' by its lonesome, cover the receptacle with a piece of tape. Better yet, get an electrical connector cover (FSN 5935-911-2323). It's listed on Page 91 in Change 4 to TM 11-5820-401-20 (Dec 61).

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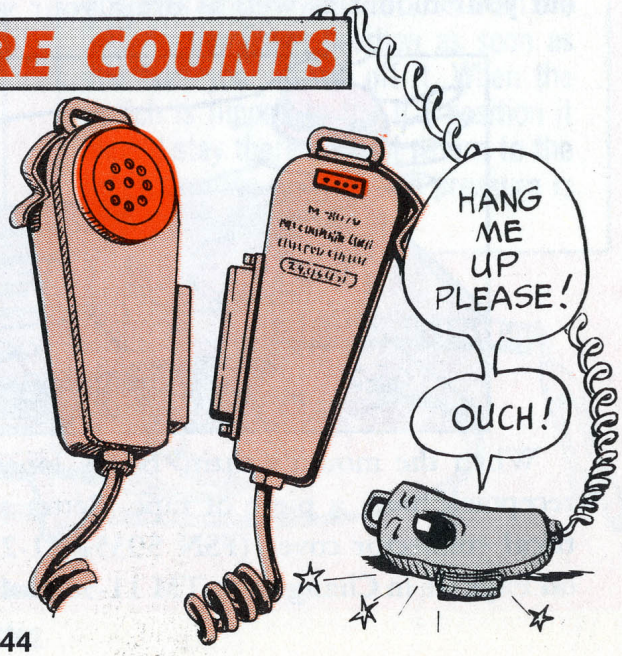

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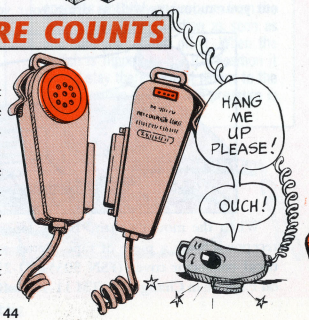

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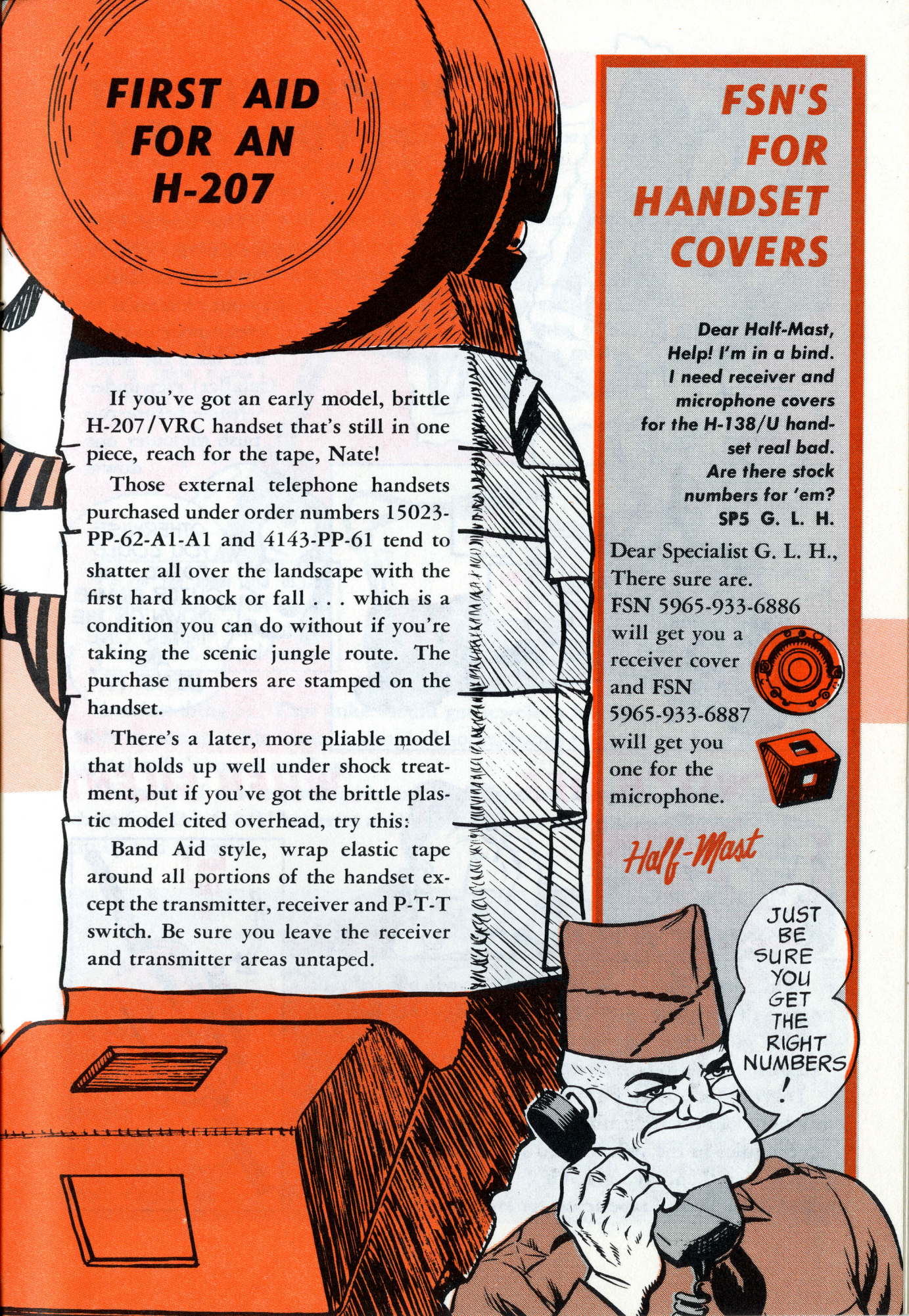

HOW'S THIS SUIT YOUR VIEW?

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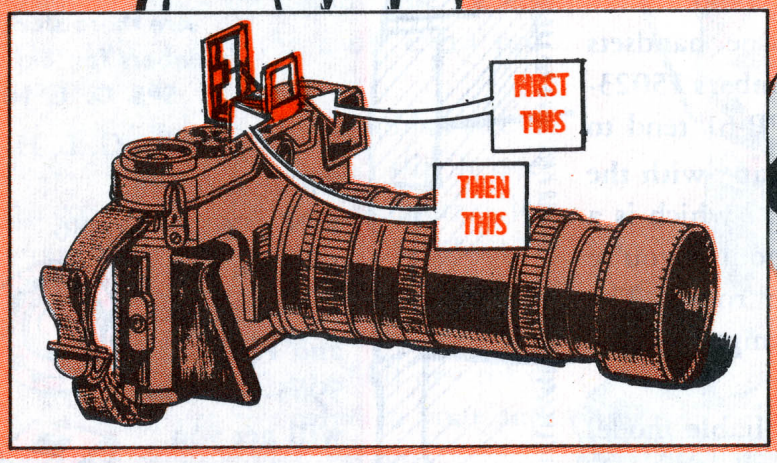

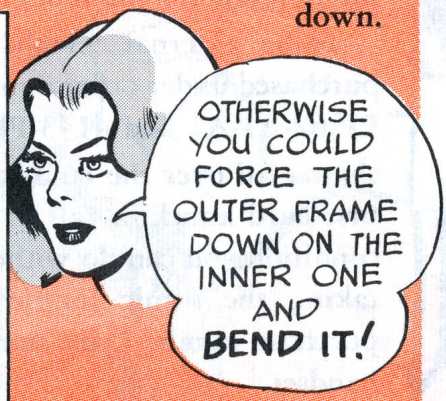

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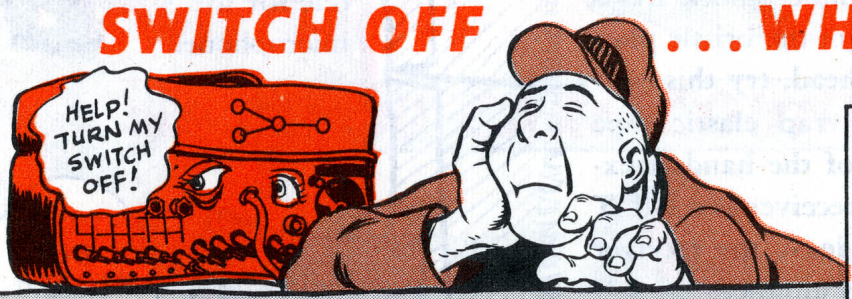
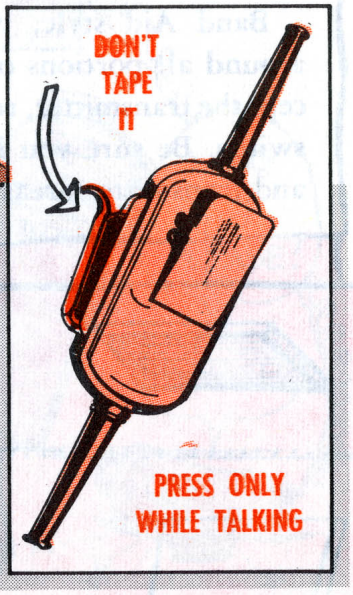


While there's a lull in SB-22()/PT switchboard talking don't let your H-81()/U or H-144()/U handset-headset go lullaby.

Put the push-to-talk switch to OFF.

Leaving the switch on when you have nothing to say can konk out the transmitter carbon element, besides use up the juice in the switchboard's BA-30 batteries.

It goes without saying, but it should be said anyway . . . never put a piece of tape across the switch to hold it down.

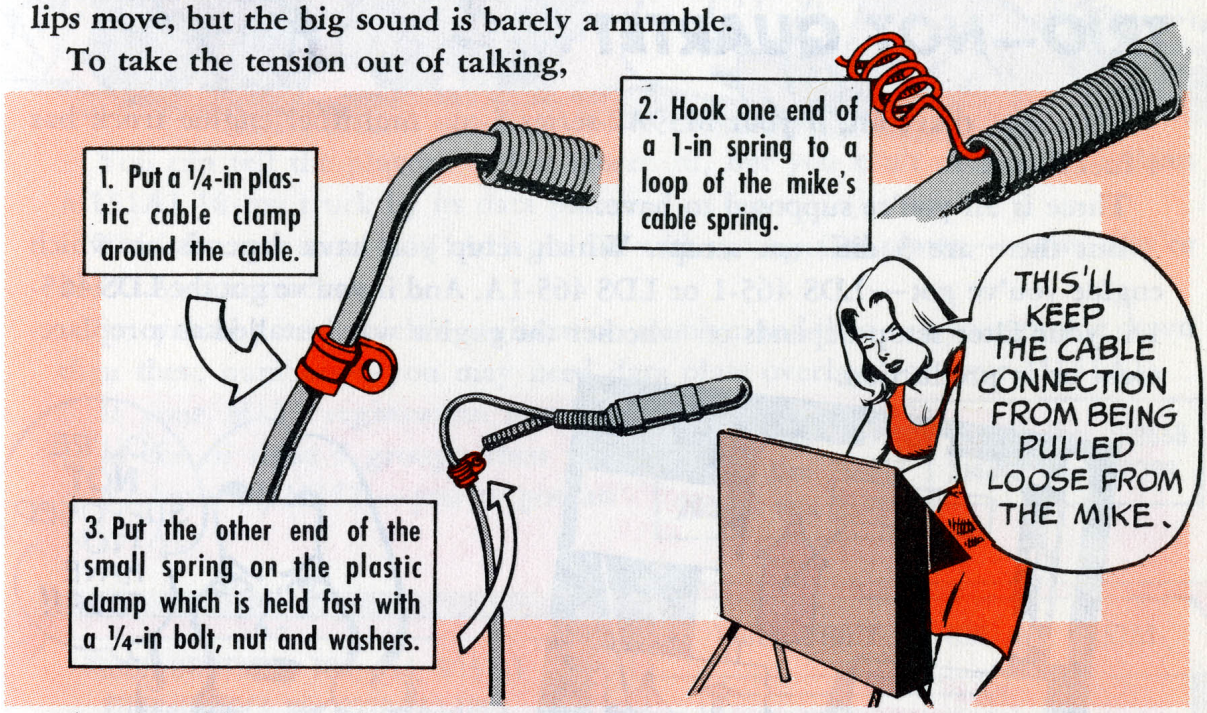


KEEP PORTABLE PA TALKING

Has some wise-guy type been pulling the cable out of the AN/UIH-4 public address set's M-126 dynamic microphone?

Like f'rinstance, when the mike is dangled like a bauble and swung like a pendulum, the cable and mike part company. Then, you can see the speaker's lips move, but the big sound is barely a mumble.

To take the tension out of talking,



Another thing . . . That mike should get jeweler's handling when it's on the 30-ft extension cable 'cause a coupla knocks, bangs or drops could shatter the crystal mike's sound to silence.

Oh yeah! If you're putting the public address set away for awhile, take out those four BA-410/U batteries or the set's innards may get corroded or be eaten up by bad batteries.

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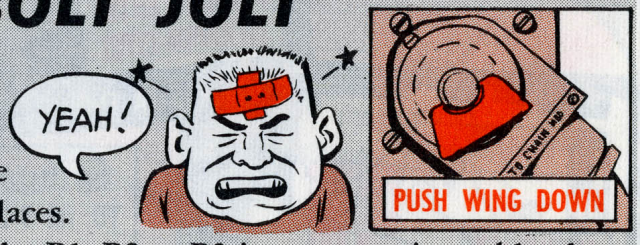
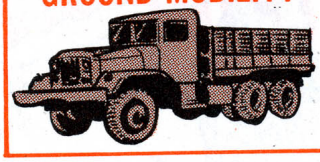


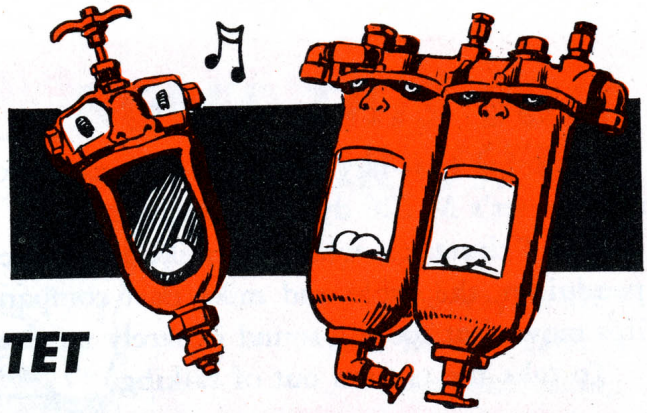
Those wing bolts sticking out on your AN/TCC-7 or -50 telephone terminal can smart in the dumbest places.

So, after you've snuggled in, say the P1, P2 or P3 interconnecting cable plug on the TA-219/U telephone modem, push the wing bolt against the plug.

'Cause a jutting one can cut, skin or scrape the hide off a telephone-terminal type who is reaching high or bending low making switch adjustments or some such similar stuff.

GROUND MOBILITY





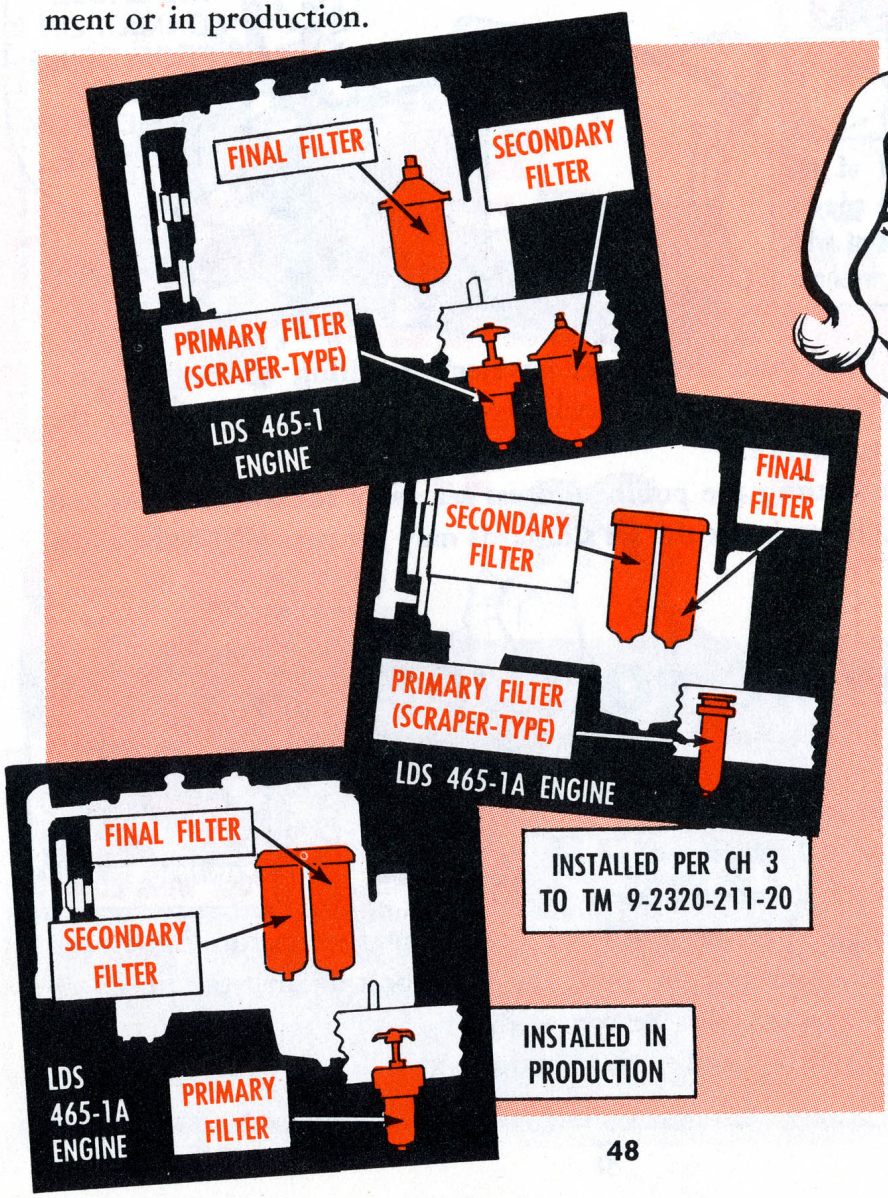
5-TON MULTIFUEL FILTERS . . .

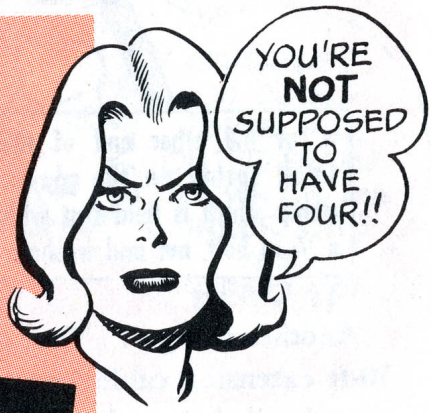
TRIO--NOT QUARTET

It's a slip, that's all, if your M39A2-series 5-ton multifuel engine truck has 4 fuel filters.

Three is all you're supposed to have.

But there are 3 different setups. Which setup you have depends on which engine you've got—LDS 465-1 or LDS 465-1A. And if you've got the LDS 465-1A, your filter setup depends on whether the engine was installed as a replacement or in production.

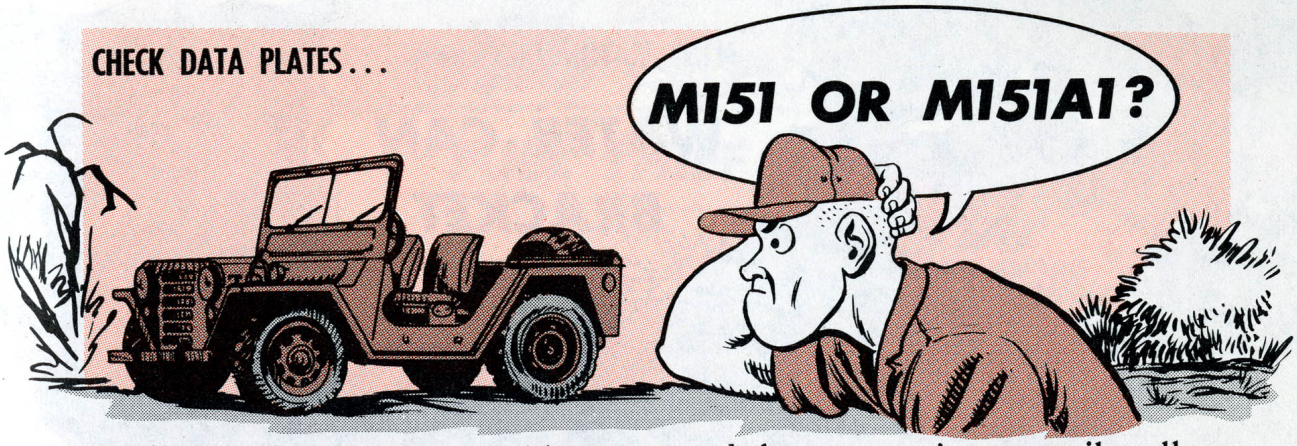




If you've got 4 filters, it's because someone forgot to take off the original secondary filter when replacing an LDS 465-1 engine with an LDS 465-1A engine. Ch 3 (Nov 66) to TM 9-2320-211-20 tells how it's supposed to be done.

See PS 175 for filter parts and elements.

CHECK DATA PLATES...



You can tell the players with a scorecard, but you can't necessarily tell an M151A1 ¼-ton truck by its data plates.

This's because some M151A1's got out with wrong data plates—sayin' they're M151 ¼-ton trucks.

So eyeball your vehicle's registration number and then run your pinkie down thru these numbers—you may need data plate overlays for your M151A1:

If your M151 registration number is in one of these 5 groups, then you don't have an M151—you've got an M151A1.

2E8934 thru 2E9999	2H0001 thru 2H0668
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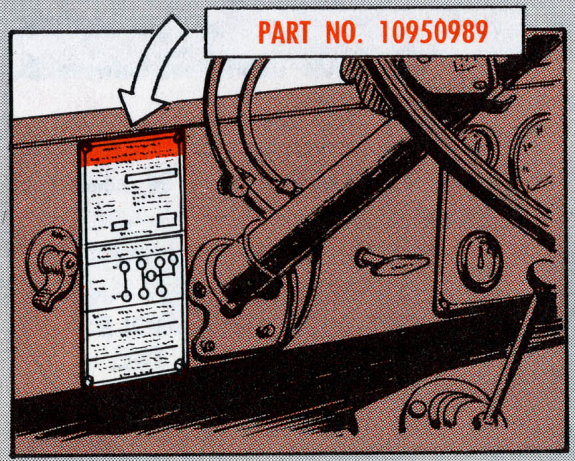

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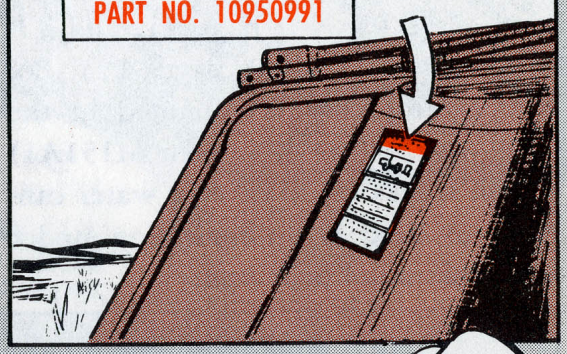

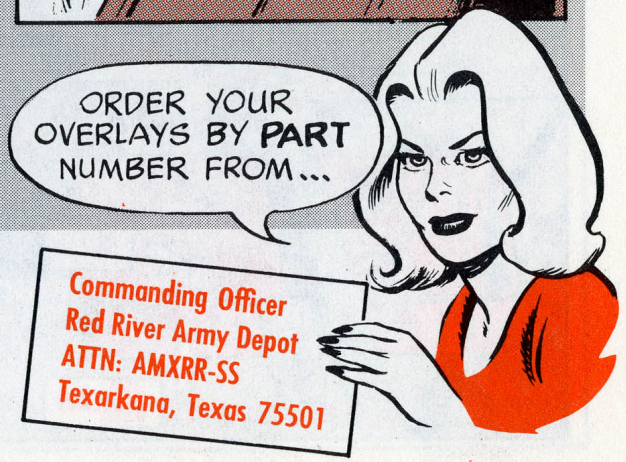

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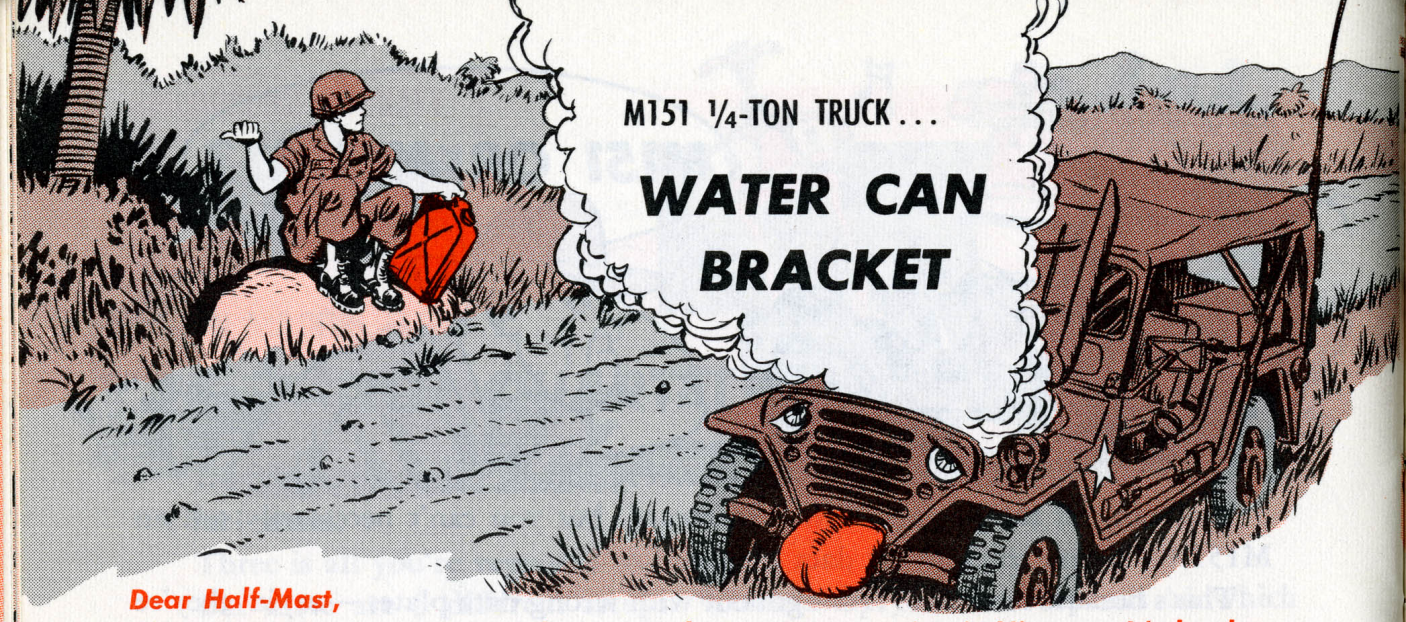

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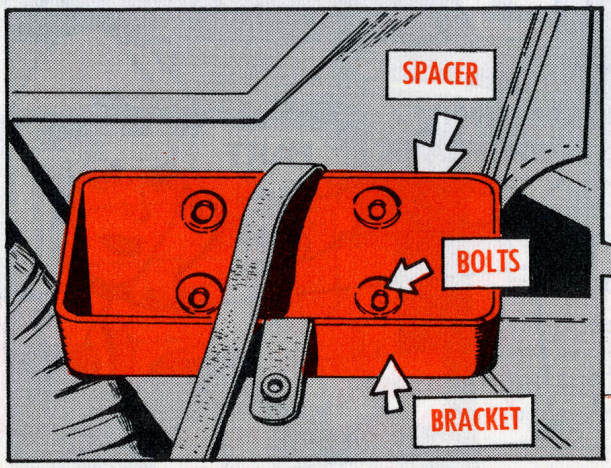

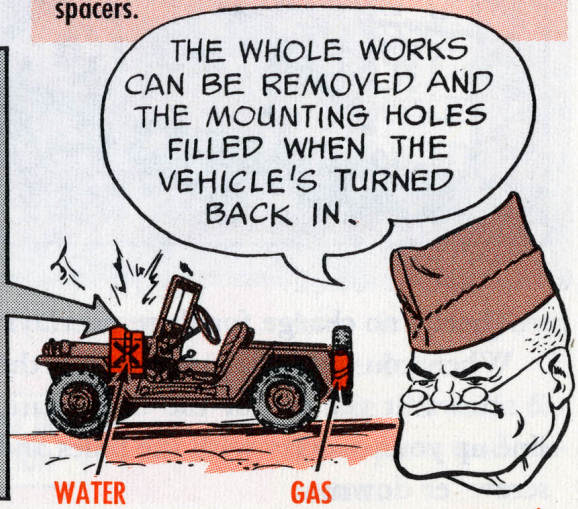

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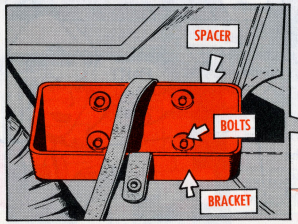

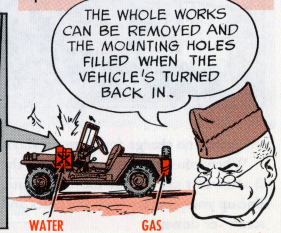

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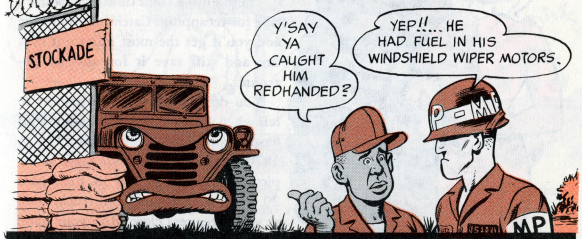

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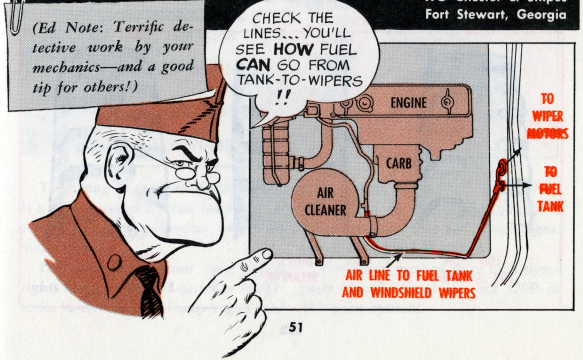

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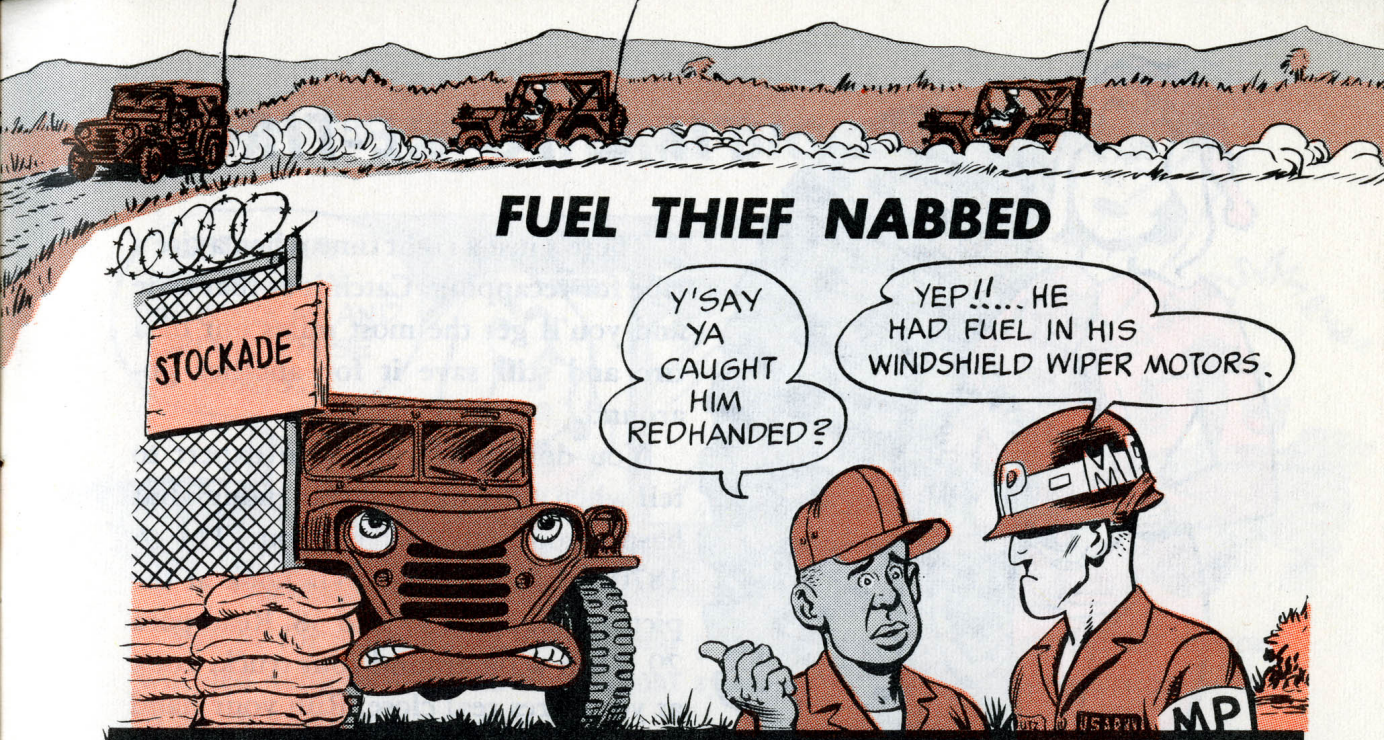

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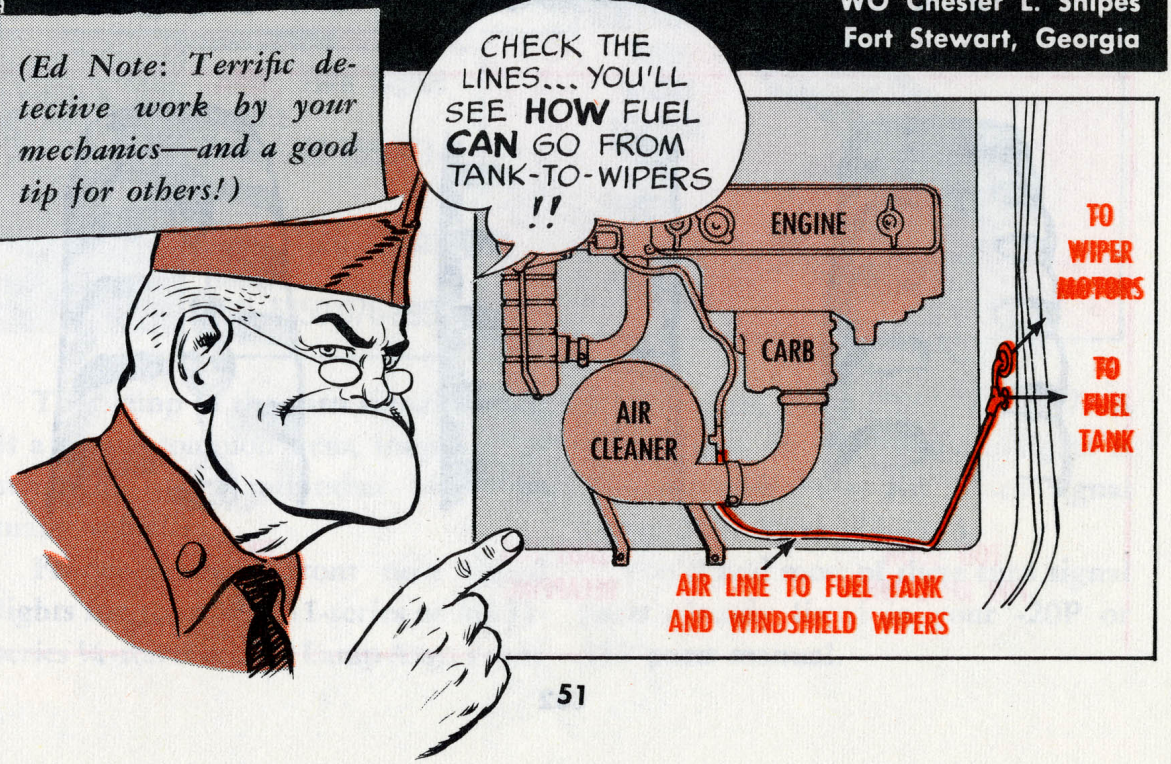

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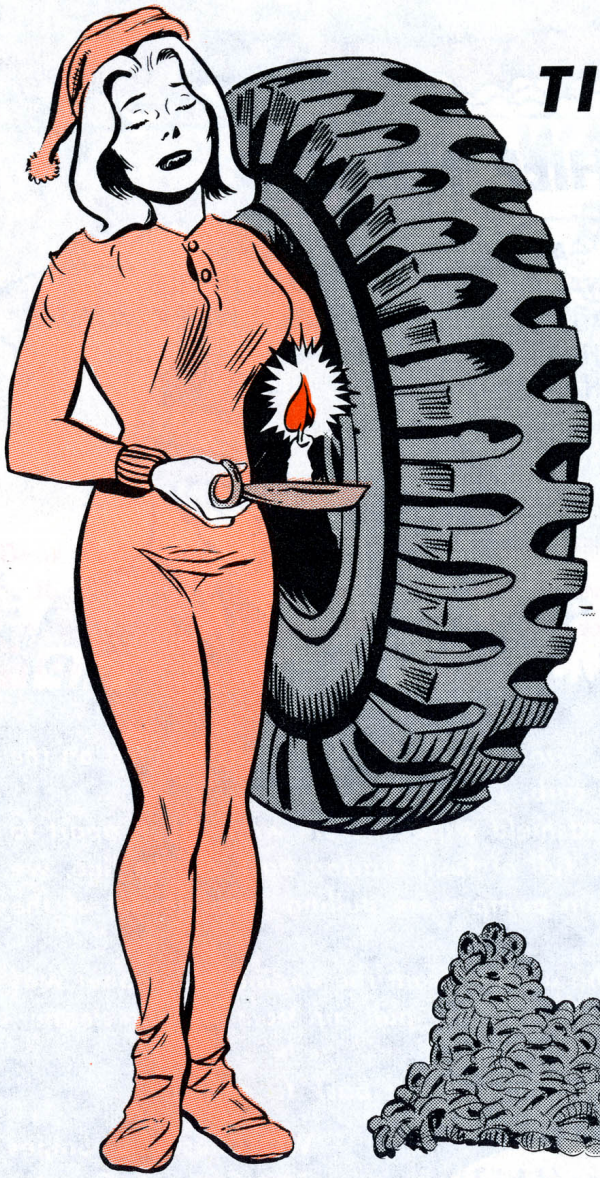
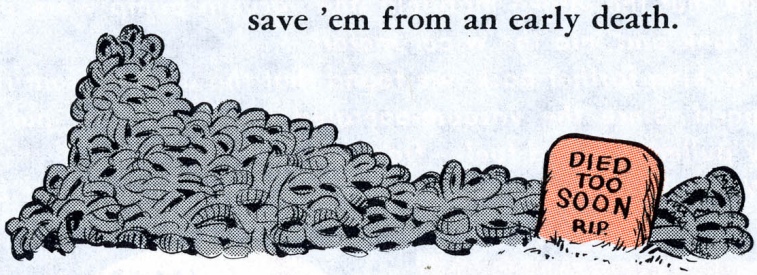
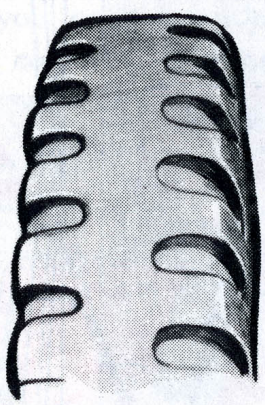


There's just a right time when a tire's ripe for recapping. Catch it at that time and you'll get the most miles out of a tire and still save it for another go-around.

You don't have to be an expert to tell when a tire has gone far enough but hasn't gone too far. Dig out TM 9-1870-1 w/Ch 3 (Feb 67). Look at the pictures on pages 37 and 38. Read para 29. Then walk around your truck. Look at your tires real close. Run your hand over the tread. Sing out if you've got any tires that're ready for recapping.

It's a doggoned shame when a tire's allowed to reach that point-of-no-return. So be a friend of your tires—save 'em from an early death.





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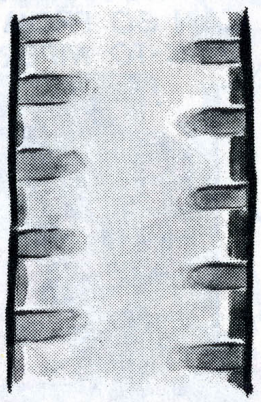

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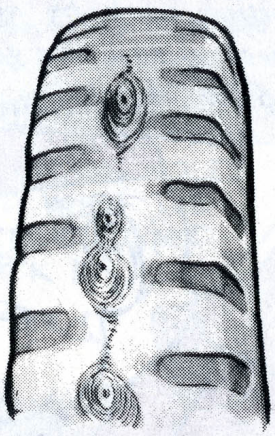

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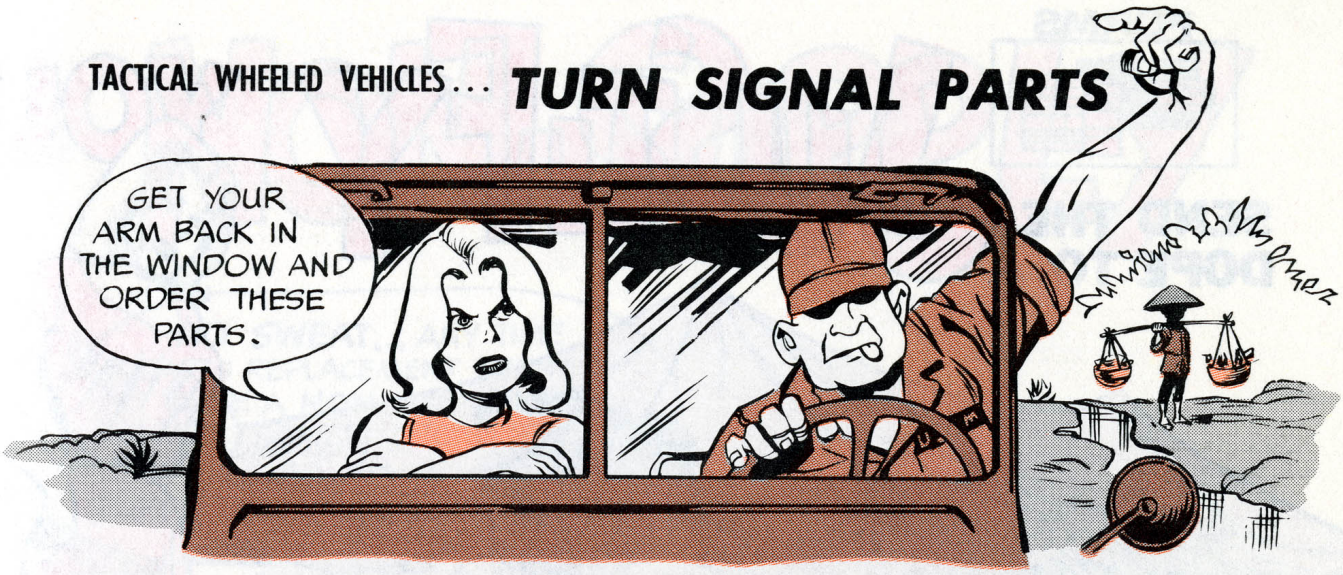
TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLES... TURN SIGNAL PARTS



Except for a few items, turn signal repair parts are the same for all tactical wheeled vehicles—if the turn signal system was put on in production or by MWO 9-2300-263-20 (Aug 63).

Here're all the replacement parts with up-to-date FSN's:

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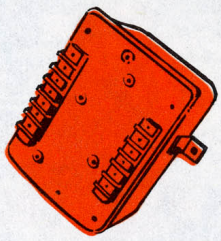

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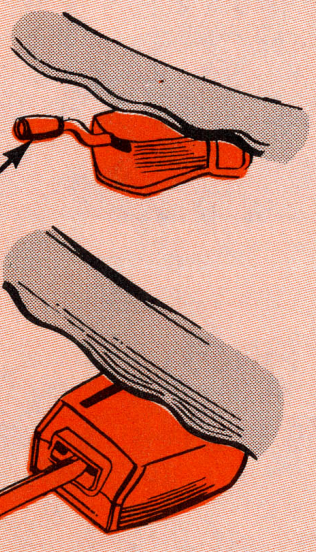

LAMP, Turn Signal Handle, FSN 6240-155-8714

LENS, Turn Signal Handle, FSN 5850-076-8992

That lamp in the turn signal handle is a pretty common item, found in instrument lights and other places on many vehicles.

Fender-mounted front turn signal lights for your M38A1-series or M151-series ¼-ton truck are Lamp Assy, Front Turn Signal, FSN 6220-788-5887. A busted lens on one of these lights is replaced with Parts Kit, Turn Signal Lamp, FSN 2590-754-4113.

You'll find most of these turn signal parts already listed in your -20P or 35P parts manual.

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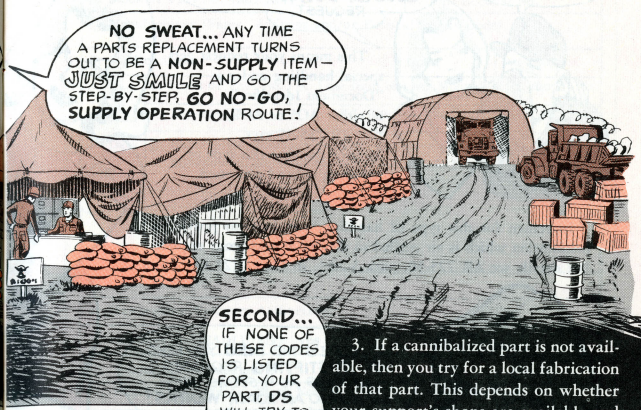

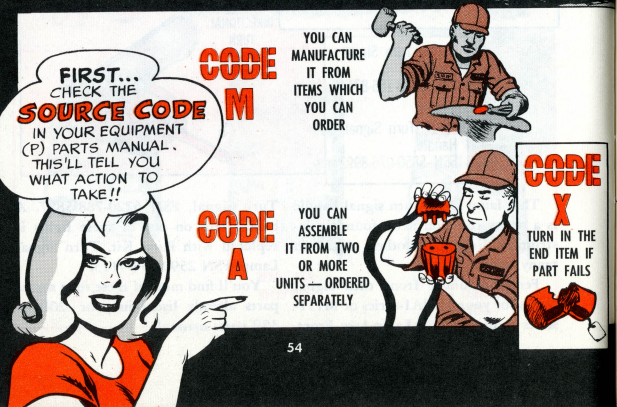

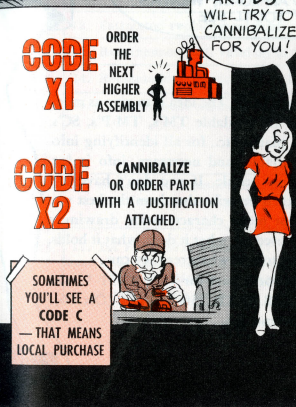

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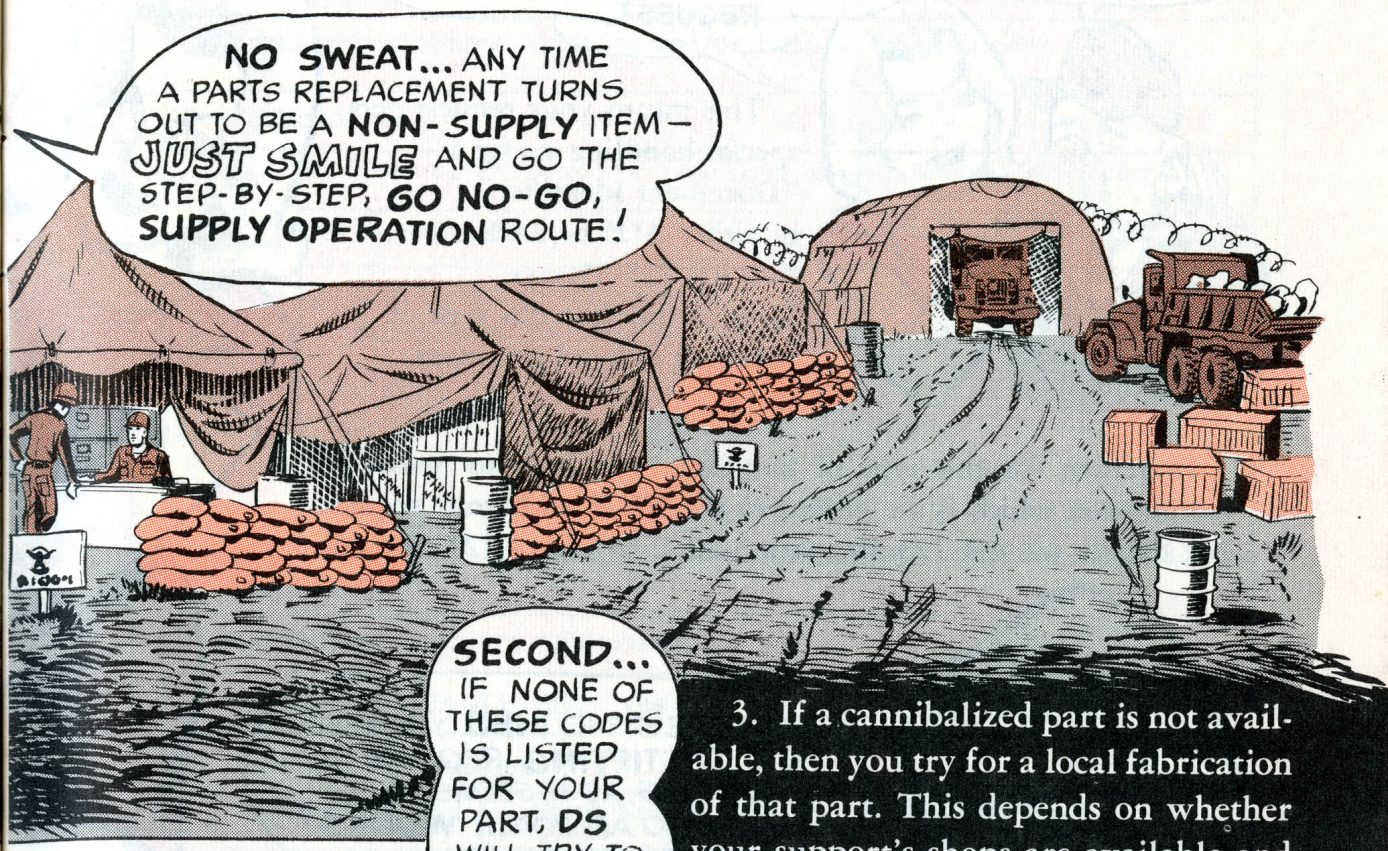

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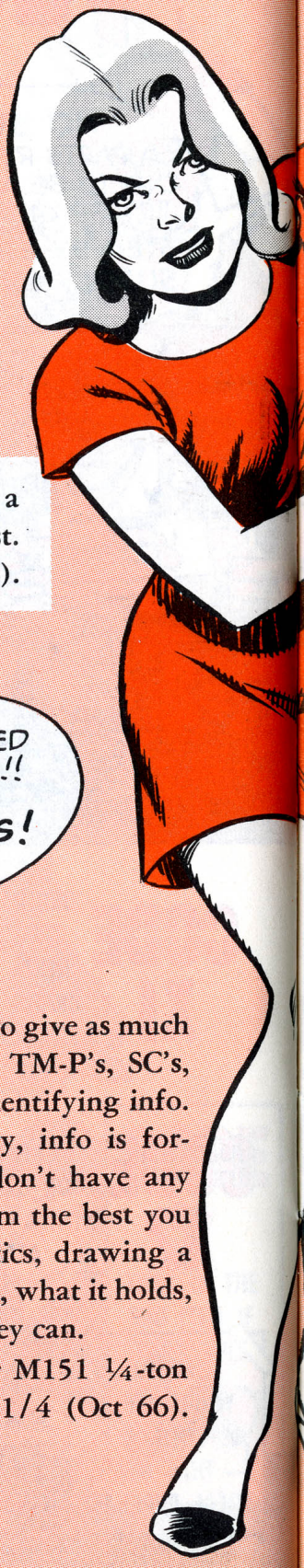

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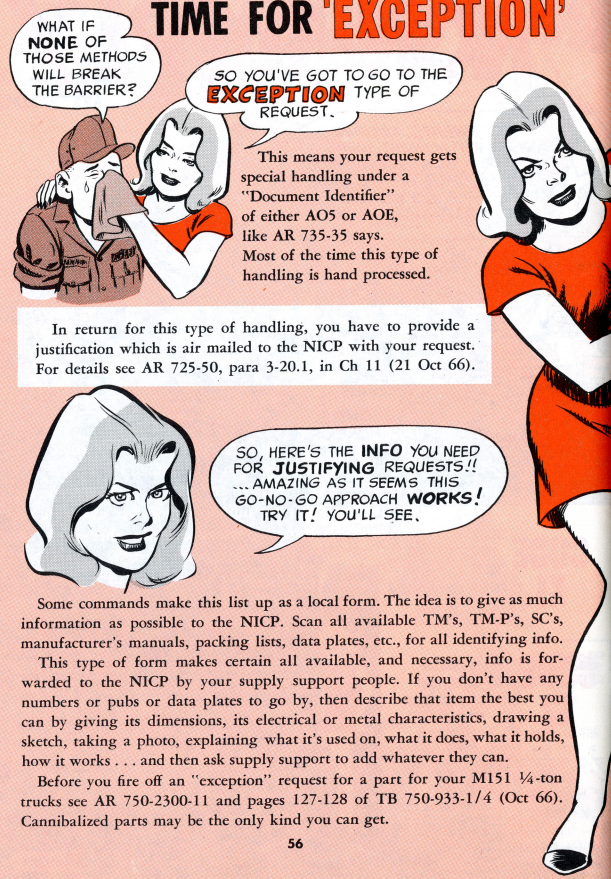

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   - e. Contract No. DA-20-089-ORD-8292-FS — f. Frame, Chassis or Data Plate No. 9524 12238
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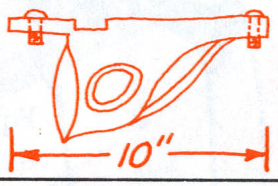

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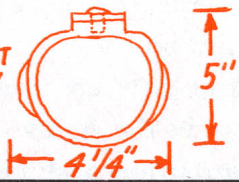

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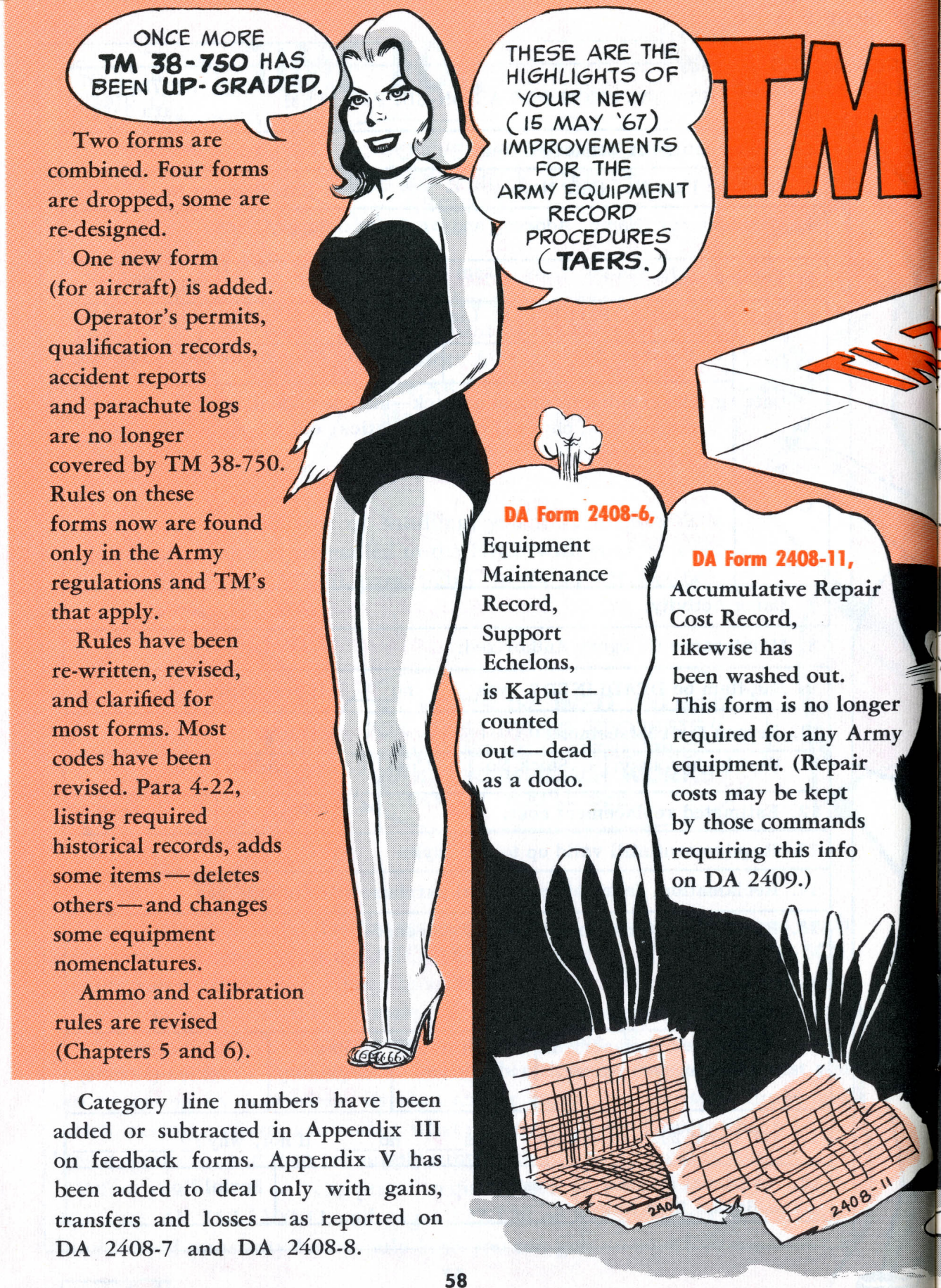

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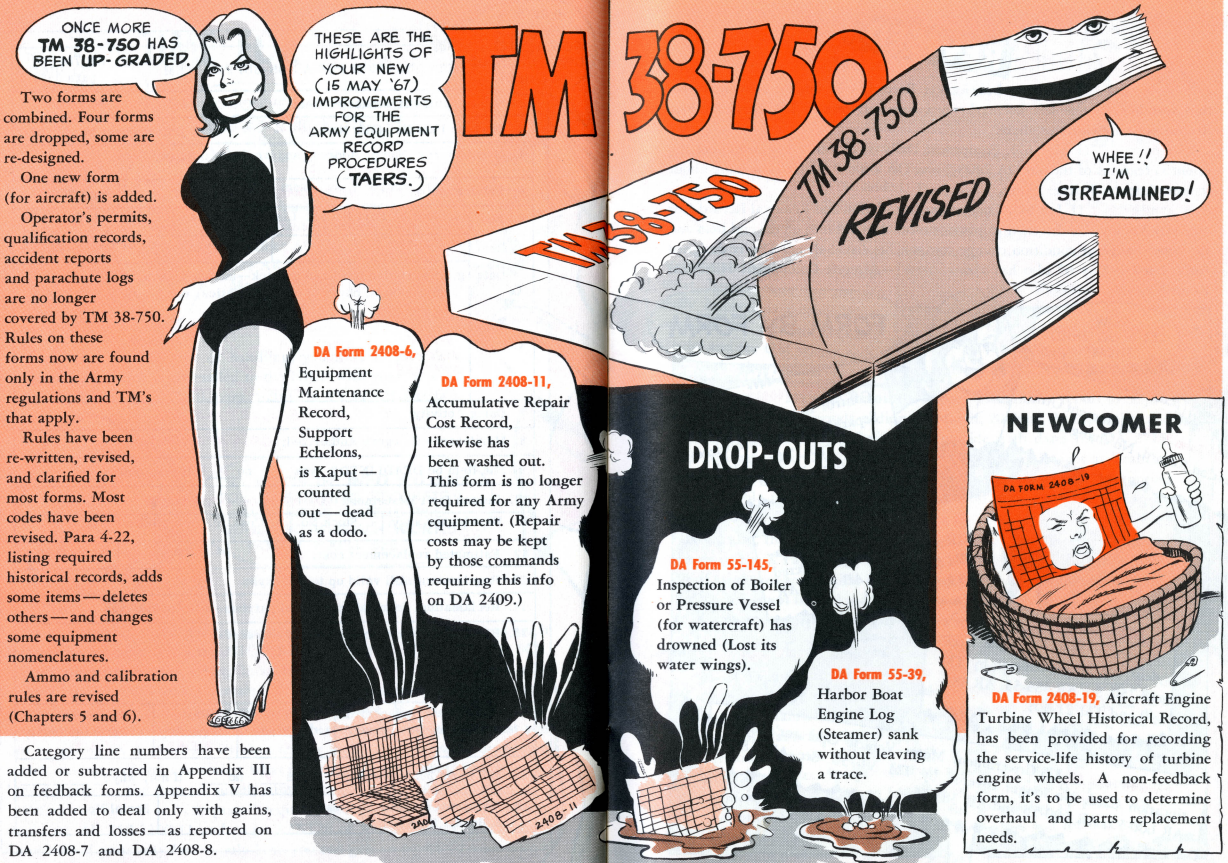

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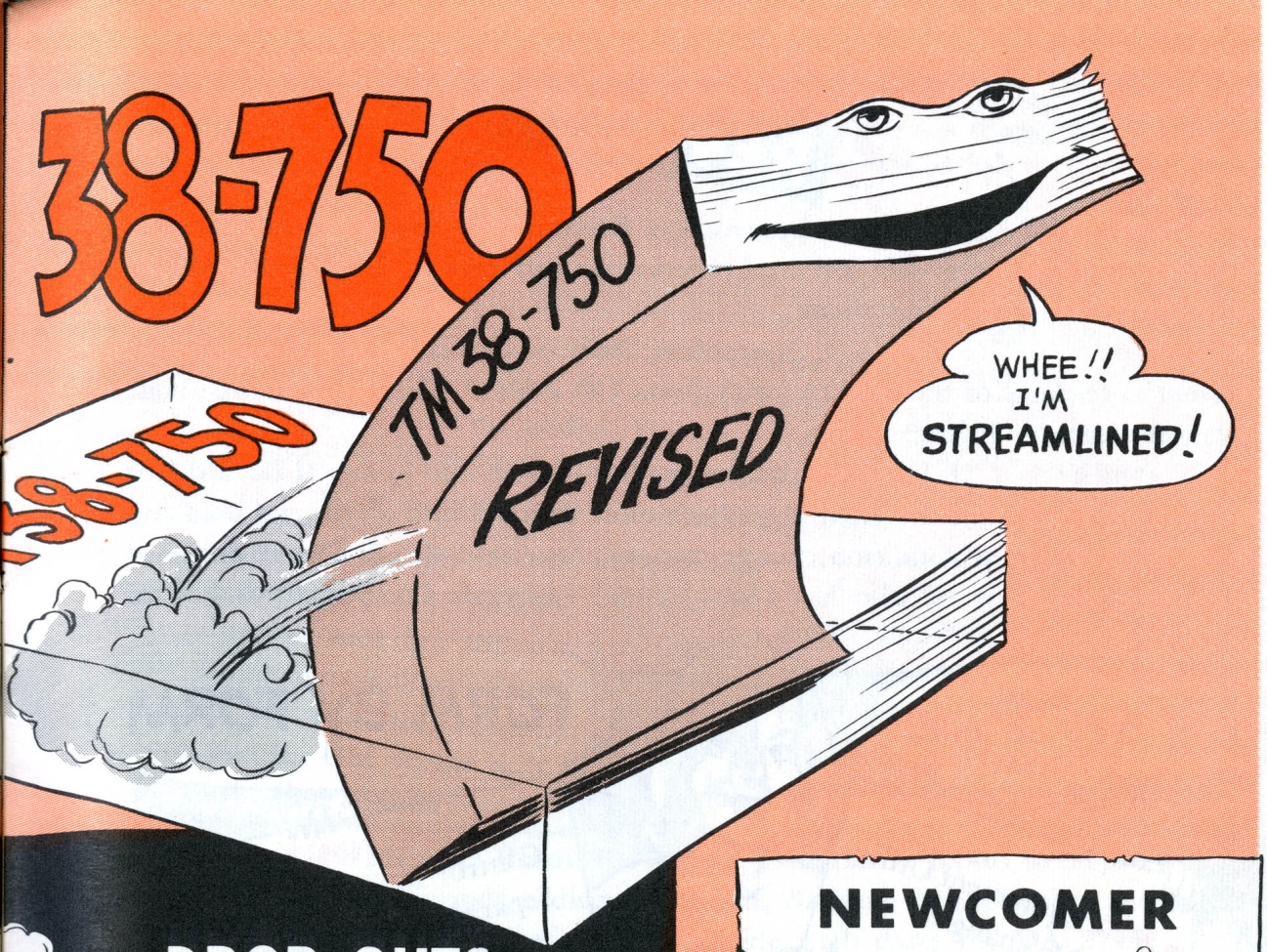

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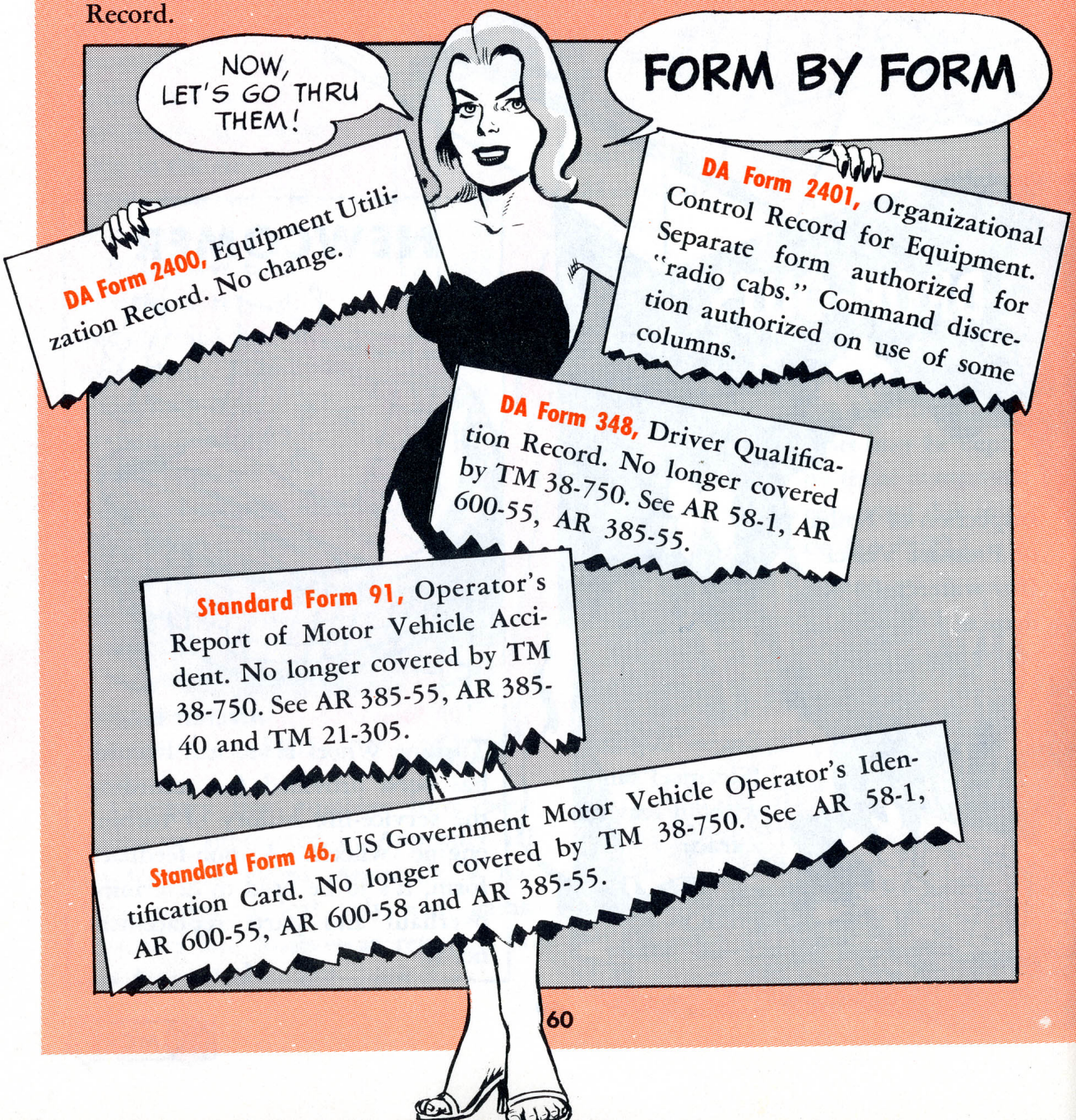

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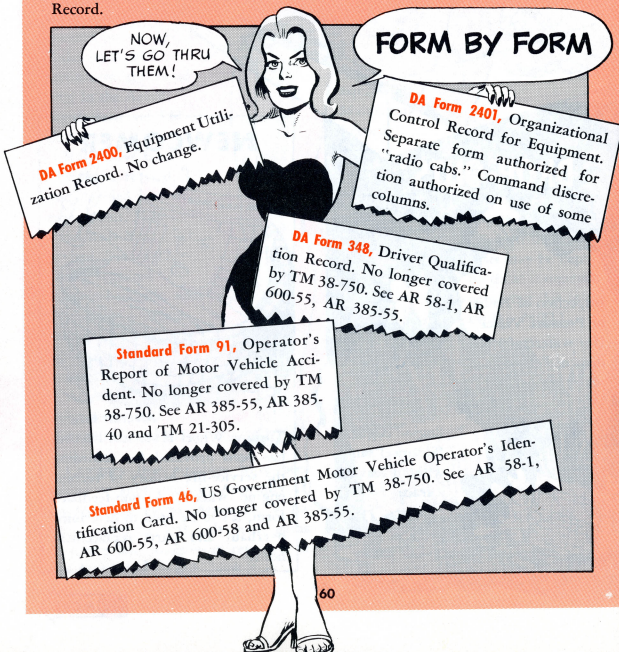

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DA Form 2408-15, Historical Record for Aircraft. No change.

DA Form 2408-16, Aircraft Component Historical Record. Form re-designed as of 1 May 67, instructions completely re-written to provide detailed procedures on use for time change major components, sub-assemblies and condition items. Details are added on disposition — including transcribing entries to a new form and forwarding the form upon disposal of items to which it applies.

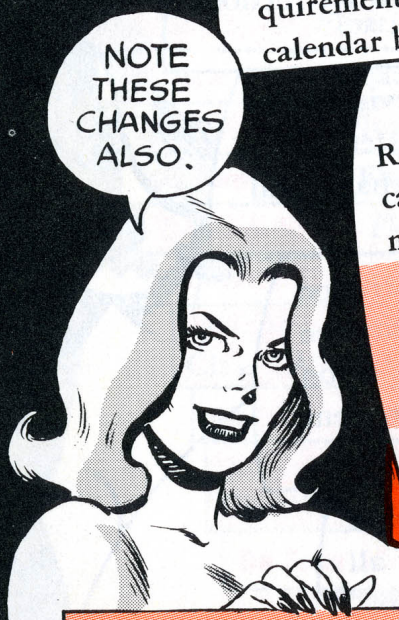
DA Form 2408-17, Aircraft Inventory Record. Revisions of rules deal primarily with entries on reverse side.

DA Form 2408-18, Equipment Inspection List. Rules add requirement to record schedule of components replaced on a calendar basis.

DA Form 2408-19, Aircraft Engine Turbine Wheel Historical Record. This form is a new, non-feedback record of significant historical data, including overhaul and parts replacement, covering the service life of an engine turbine wheel.

DA Form 2409, Equipment Maintenance Log (Consolidated). Major rules change requires use of DA 2409 for medical equipment with scheduled PM services. Requirement for use with commo and electronics items deleted.

DA Form 10-42, Army Parachute Log Record. No longer included in TM 38-750. See TM 10-1670-201-25.



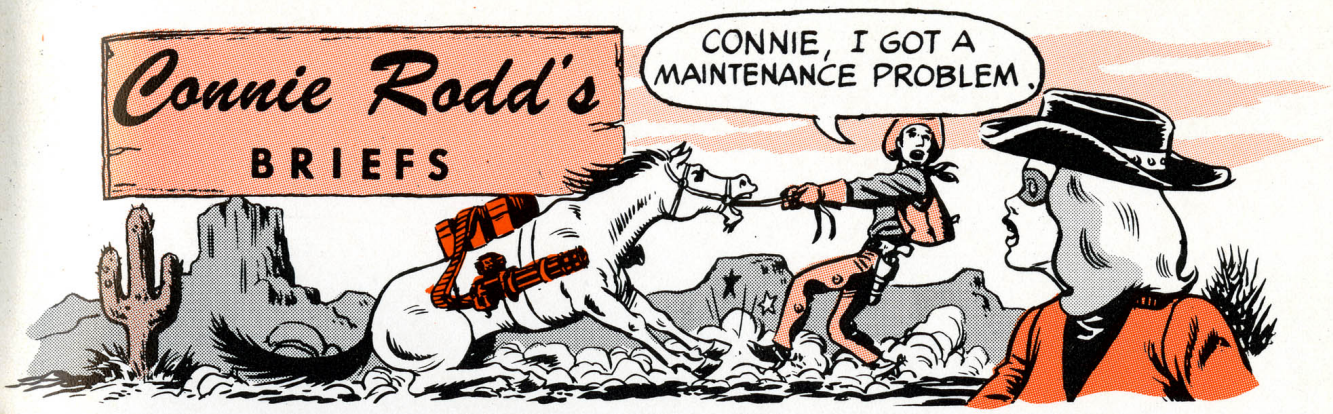
MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

Note also that changes have been made in the following areas: Para 1-4g (Codes), para 1-8 (submission of DA 2028), para 4-21 (disposition of records), Appendix I (most codes revised, Location Code for motor vehicles dropped, Loss/Gain and Reason for Transfer codes added), Appendix II (mailing addresses updated), and Appendix IV on ammo (rules on feedback of DA 2408-3, DA 2410 and DA 2410-1 added).

IMPLEMENTATION

General implementation instructions on the revised records procedures are published in DA Cir 750-20 (5 Jun 67).

In addition to these general implementation rules, see DA Cir 750-21 (July 67) for aviation materiel. TAG Ltr AGAM-P (M) (2 Jun 67) LOG TR-CDVB dated 20 Jun 67, Subject: Commercial Design and Administrative Use Vehicle Inventory Reporting on DA Form 2408-7 for commercial and administrative-use vehicles, and TB 38-750-2 (10 Feb 67) for medical items. DA Pam 750-38 (30 Jun 67) will give you a lot of scoop on the TAERS forms.



Send It To Atac

Note for your EIR address list: EIR's on **commercial wheeled vehicles** (Category 340000 thru 346999) go to the ATAC address listed in Appendix II of TM 38-750—whether the specific vehicle is listed in para 4-22 of the TM or not. Since ATAC is now the boss for commercial vehicles, you send all correspondence on them to ATAC.

Load It Clean

Dirt on ammo causes bore wear.

And caked mud and grime is a special problem on the big ones—155-mm, 175-mm and 8-in ammo. You need a supply of good rags to keep the ammo wiped clean and ready for loading. It's a needed chore to protect the bore.

Engine Removal Scoop

There're 10 good reasons for yanking a bird engine called out in AR 750-23 (17 May 67), on validating removal of aircraft engines. Remember, tho, any other reason for engine removal prior to TBO has to be checked out by your general support.

Some Cuff Stuff

The width of the cuff of your pants depends upon their waist size and the leg length. So if you're thinking of pegging those trouser legs, you'd better take a look at Ch 11, Section VIII, to AR 700-8400-1. Altering the natural width of cuff is not authorized.

All Together Now

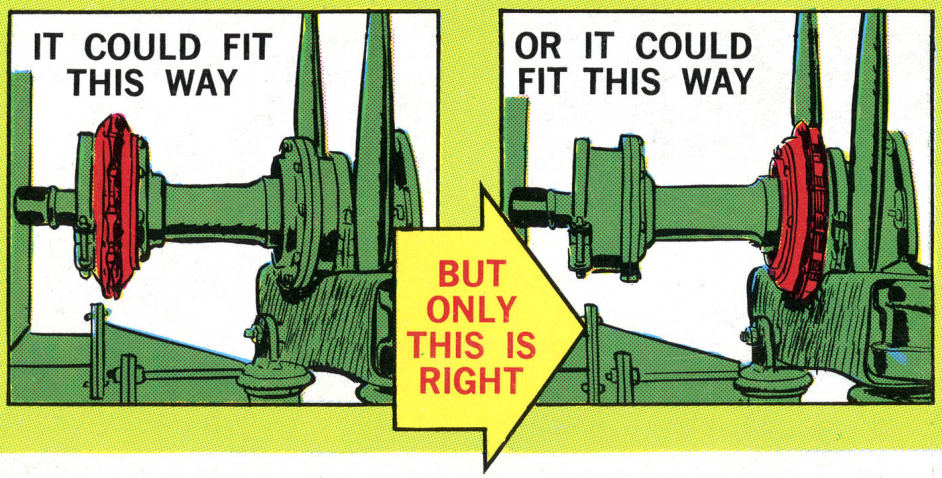
Gotta Military Standard generator? No sweat now 'cause TM 38-750 (15 May 67) doesn't have a separate line for 'em. Just report **any** generator (Mil Std, MD or whatnot) on the AC or DC line that applies. The Mil Std 1.5-KW AC 60CY now goes to line 740040. On this, there's no need to make corrected copies of DA 2408-7 and DA 2408-8 just to change the line number. But be sure to check DA Cir 750-20 (5 Jun 67) for switchover rules.

New Painting Pub

If you're looking for the latest painting and marking poop for your bird, reach for TB 746-93-2 (28 Jun 67) . . . it replaces TB AVN 7.

Would You Stake Your Life right now on the Condition of Your Equipment?

"Because it Fits!"
DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT



And on such a little difference can hinge the life of a pilot or the destruction of an expensive aircraft

NEVER TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED

NEVER GUESS

MURPHY'S LAW MUST BE ABOLISHED!